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Dear Lederberg:

I was so rushed the other day that I didn't have time to write a note with the Fellowship application blanks, but enclosed Dr. Meader's letter hoping it would adequately explain the situation.

I think, from this letter and from conversations with Meader that although it is not in line with the Childs Fund custom, that there is a good chance of an exception being made in your case. I hope it turns out that way.

It might be best to stress, in making the application, the value a stay here would be in your training for your future <sup>career</sup> in medical research, rather than the solving of an immediate problem and its relationship to cancer. (Which relationship is somewhat far-fetched in this instance!)

Let me know if there's anything else I can do, and here's hoping. In any case, however, some funds will be available, as I told you last week,  
Yours, E. L. Tatum