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Dr. Edward L. Tatum
Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Tatum:

At a recent party for Josh Lederberg, shortly before he left for Stockholm, the major topic of discussion naturally was the winners of the 1958 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine. Josh was surprised to learn from me that you are not a member of the Society of American Bacteriologists and made me promise to offer you a special invitation to belong.

I know there is no point in my detailing the many advantages of membership in the Society nor would it be very useful for me to explain how much the Society needs to have important microbiologists like yourself among its members. Certainly we do need and appreciate having people of your stature numbered among our members, and, even more, would value your counsel and judgement in Society affairs. Therefore, I am enclosing a nomination form in your name in the hope that you will choose 1959 as the year to add the Society of American Bacteriologists to the organizations deserving your support. I am also enclosing a copy of our January, 1959 Bacteriological News with a special item marked on pages 6 and 7.

Please let me know if there are questions about the Society you would like to have answered.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. Foster
Secretary

EVF:mp
cc: Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Encs.

This may not get him but he certainly can't expect more earnest supplication. If this doesn't do the business maybe the President can turn on the charm.
Hope things are well for you and Esther.
Mike