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Dear Gus,

Are you by chance coming to New York on February 5-6 ?

If so, would you be coming through San Francisco? Besides my obvious desire to have a chance to see you again in a friendly way, I also had in mind that I would like you to meet one of my colleagues, Dr. Alan Duffield. He is playing a central role in our program for the computerization of mass spectrometry and its application to biochemical problems and I certainly do not want to lose him and particularly not in the next year or two. However, I think he has a long-range aspiration to return to Australia in some kind of academic <sup>chair</sup> ~~post~~ and I thought it was not too soon to lay the ground work for scouting the possibilities. I do not expect, except through some remarkable coincidence, that the Hall Institute itself would have a role in this rather specialized kind of development, although this is not impossible. However, I do believe that you must be very much in touch with the more forward lines of thinking about medical and biological research in Australia and could be <sup>doing</sup> ~~useful~~ of your colleagues a great turn by knowing about Duffield's qualifications.

In any case, if you are coming either to New York or to Stanford as well, I look forward to seeing you and with my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

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