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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, President
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Dear Josh:

In rashly promising to come and get your stocks the other day, I was failing to take into account one major obstacle. Ever since undergoing major abdominal surgery last fall, I have had a bad back. This was totally unnecessary and due to a surgeon's sending me home alone too soon. I have been attempting to get back into shape again by taking exercises under the direction of the physical therapists here, but progress is disappointingly slow.

As a result of this problem, I have not yet driven a car for any appreciable distance. I am reluctant to jeopardize the gains that I have made by driving in an unfamiliar vehicle all the way to New York at this time.

Surely, the President of Rockefeller University can dispatch one of his minions to New Haven with a shipment of valuable strains! I am sorry not to be more helpful.

With best regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Barbara

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*minions? It will probably be me or Dean Beclimer
but will work out a way. Sorry about your back!
Yours,
Josh.*