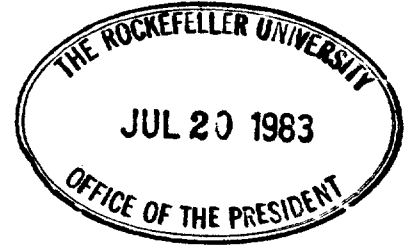


July 15, 1983



Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
President  
Rockefeller University  
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Council on Aging Inc., has expressed interest in merging with FIBER. I have enclosed a two-page description of NCOA as background information for your consideration regarding this potential arrangement.

All members of the FIBER Board of Directors unanimously and enthusiastically support this idea. We believe that with the guarantee we have received that FIBER would unquestionably maintain its scientific independence and with the additional resources made available to us, the relationship would be entirely advantageous.

We have spoken with the members of the Science Advisory Board Executive Committee who also support any arrangement with NCOA. NCOA has not previously been involved with biomedical research and is eager to have our "project" in association with their many other fine programs. We will be able to take advantage of many of NCOA's resources including their conference center which seats 3,000 and their 12,000 volume library.

NCOA, like FIBER, is a private non-profit organization dependent on contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations, and the government as well as the other sources of income enumerated in the enclosed description. They view biomedical research as an additional and exciting rallying point for fundraising and we view their access to sources we have not previously approached as additional help to us in our own fundraising attempts.

While there are many details to be discussed, I wanted to let you know as soon as possible about the possibility of an association between FIBER and NCOA both because we view it as good news and because we want to give you every opportunity to respond with your impressions.

The FIBER Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday, July 15th and that meeting will be followed by a meeting with NCOA. We will keep you informed of the results and new developments. ✓