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Dear Lederberg:

Have just finished reading your first Annual Report and hasten to compliment you on it — for I found it most interesting — and well written. I was especially touched by your description of the occasion marking the 35th anniversary of the publication of the paper by the Zess (O. T. Avery) et al. The Zess in his day was the most beloved man in the whole Institute and I was one of his greatest admirers. I worked just across the hall from him during most of the 4 years I spent in the Hospital.

Many years have passed since the
times when I had the pleasure of
occasional visits with you here or in
Madison.

I have followed with admiration
and satisfaction your steady rise in
the world of science and the honors you
have deservedly received.

With best wishes for a Merry
Christmas, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Philip Miller.