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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Josh:

I have just received Dr. Estes' response to my invitation to introduce the first recipient of the James Murray Luck Award. He prefers not to perform this task. Granted, black tie for a three-minute stint does seem more than some enjoy. Estes' suggestion is that you would be the ideal presenter since you were instrumental in initiating the prize. It seems a splendid solution to me and, therefore, I wonder if you would be good enough to introduce Dr. Robison to President Handler on the twenty-third. We have not yet had a response to our letter of announcement to Robison, but I am sure we will receive a reply shortly. I have invited J. Murray Luck to attend the award ceremony and the buffet dinner preceding it. I realize that this may not be a possibility, but I suspect he will enjoy being included in the plans for the celebration.



As you probably recall, black tie is indeed requested of those appearing on the platform. In addition, a time limit of two to three minutes is set for introductory remarks. The presentation of the award which follows is made in equally brief terms.

This year's award ceremony promises to be a full and exciting one, and I certainly hope you will be able to participate in the evening's events.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

David R. Goddard  
Home Secretary

*I am afraid I may not be able to attend at all. I suggest you try Bentley Glass (in committee) or Es Snell (past pres. of Ann. Reas.)*

*ok-4/3/79 AQ*

*Josh*