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Dear Russ:

On behalf of The Rockefeller University, I would like to express officially our thanks and enthusiasm for your acceptance of this year's Fairfield Osborn Memorial Lectureship which will be held at the University on the evening of November 12.

As you probably know, Fairfield Osborn founded The Conservation Foundation and served as president of The New York Zoological Society for 28 years. The memorial lectureship was established in 1970 by the Friends of Fairfield Osborn and is sponsored jointly by The New York Zoological Society, The Conservation Foundation and The Rockefeller University. Its objective is to promote widespread dialogue on environmental issues which were his life's work. Under separate cover, I am sending some material about Osborn which may be of interest to you.

Preliminary planning for this year's program is already underway. The New York Zoological Society and The Conservation Foundation are preparing selective lists which include Trustees, major contributors and interested friends so that a broad and diverse attendance can be assured. We would appreciate a similar list from the Audubon Society, and other sources of guests you may wish to suggest. These may be sent to Mr. Barry Dress at the University who is coordinating arrangements for the Lecture. He can be reached at 360-1036, should you or a member of your staff wish to speak with him.

The three institutional sponsors are considering a proposal to publish the Fairfield Osborn Lecture as a major statement on environmental affairs. With this in mind, we would appreciate an advance text of your address

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whenever that might be possible. In order to prepare a press release, we hope that you will soon be able to forward a curriculum vitae and an 8 x 10 glossy photograph to Mr. Dress.

Once again, our thanks for agreeing to offer this year's Fairfield Osborn Memorial Lecture. We are looking forward to your presentation.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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