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Joshua Lederberg
President
The Rockefeller University
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Dear Joshua:

Believe me, I share the concern regarding the effect of the new "Ethics in Government Act." I know that some Federal officials are worried about the ways in which their subsequent employment might be restricted.

I want the law to be fair. I have been involved in clarifying the law. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum, which I co-authored on the legislative intent. Thus interpreted, the law is both reasonable and necessary.

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I do not favor any postponement of the effective date. In large part, the problem results from misinformation -- a situation that will soon be remedied by regulations and guidance from the Office of Government Ethics.

I do appreciate your thoughts on this matter. And I assure you that I am following the situation carefully.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abe".

Abe Ribicoff

Enclosure

