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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I have been engaged for some time now on research on genetic recombination in E. coli, and as you are perhaps aware have published several papers on this topic in collaboration with Dr. Rowley of this institute.

However, in view of the limitations of current investigations on this and other allied microbial genetic lines in this country, I feel that a year's fellowship spent at some laboratory in the States wherein specialisation in these types of investigations would be of great value. In particular, your laboratory from which has stemmed so much of this work, would be an obvious choice, and with this in mind I am writing to ask if you would be prepared to accept me in your laboratory perhaps in the academic year 1955-1956.

I am at present investigating the situation regarding finance from several general fellowships, but if there are any special awards with which you are familiar, and which you would be prepared to extend, I would be most obliged for the information.

Yours sincerely,

Rayston G. Bowles