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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Stanford, California

Dear Josh:

In connection with the Chicago and Midwest Space Month (April 9 through May 9, 1963) which will include the Third National Conference on Peaceful Uses of Space, a one-day conference on Space Medicine and Biology is being organized by The University of Chicago for Friday, May 3, 1963, at The University of Chicago Law School Auditorium. A tentative program is attached for your information.

The University is also arranging an afternoon series of three lectures on campus which follow the ground breaking for Dr. John A. Simpson's new Space Research Laboratory, and which is the opening program for the activities in the Chicago area. The date is May 1, 1963.

We invite you to participate in both of these exercises. We are hopeful that you will arrive in time for lunch, give one of the three afternoon lectures on Wednesday, May 1, and stay through the conference planned by the biologists, giving one of the morning talks on May 3.

On the morning program of the Space Medicine and Biology conference, May 3, dealing with Extraterrestrial Biology, we wish to have a selection of our most distinguished and imaginative biologists present their views as to the extent of biological domains in time and space. We anticipate that the audience will be composed of scientists and informed laymen with broad interests in fundamental aspects of biology, and in the extent to which the phenomena of biology may permeate the Universe.

We have been in touch with some of the suggested participants and have received favorable responses. Professor Harold C. Urey of the University of California has agreed to participate, and will serve as Honorary Chairman of the morning session on Extraterrestrial Biology. We are addressing a letter of invitation to Professor Melvin

Calvin at the same time.

We would deeply appreciate it if you would consider participating in this conference. An honorarium of \$500 in addition to travel and accommodation expenses is proposed. No plans for the publication of the conference proceedings have been made at this time. However, we plan to record the proceedings.

We look forward to hearing from you. With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



George W. Beadle

Attachment

*Josh, we sure hope
you can do this. We
need the same word.*

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