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Dear Bill:

It seems to me we need some coordinated actions to get Lederberg and Kornberg or we'll lose them both. I am glad to do what I can but you are in a better position to call the shots.

Re Lederberg, could we explore the Medical Genetics angle, which would greatly benefit the med school? Is it really out of the question to get him the kind of set-up and connection with the med school that would interest him? The departure of Cal Med School from Berkeley gives us the advantage on this one. Also would a fast approach to Kornberg be instrumental in getting Lederberg? I think so.

Re Kornberg, what are the present problems? To get details from the President on commitments? I think not. As soon as our Acting Dean is appointed, we should get our Medical School Executive Committee to formulate the desiderata, for presentation to the President for his approval. When does the Biochem. Committee meet again?

Can we lay out a plan for capturing these two gentlemen? What a day that would be for Stanford!

Please return Lederberg's letter.

Enc.