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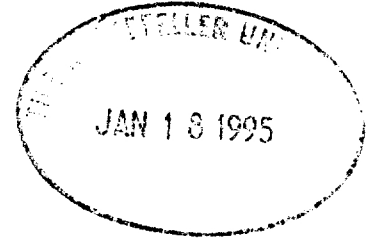
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Professor Lederberg
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RE: Honorary Harvard degree for Sir Edward Abraham, FRS, of Oxford

Dear Professor Lederberg:

Having heard your evening lecture in October at the Infectious Diseases Society Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, I realized that you would be an ideal person to write a letter to the Harvard Corporation in support of my letter (copy enclosed) nominating Sir Edward Abraham for this honor. As you probably recall, he was a member of the original Oxford team that first isolated penicillin and showed its usefulness in medicine. He also, with E.B. Chain, discovered "penicillinase", and with Guy Newton discovered cephalosporin C, the patent compound of most of those cephalosporins on the market AND in development. ✓

My nominating letter and his c.v. are enclosed. I am sure your letter would be an important supporting document in view of your own ingenious contributions to this field, and your position as a Nobel Prize recipient and a past President of The Rockefeller University.

If you do agree to write a supporting letter, it should be sent to me (in Minneapolis) for the Harvard Corporation asks that each nomination with supporting documentation be sent as one packet.

With thanks, in advance,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to read "L.D. Sabath".

L.D. Sabath, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

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Enclosure

Thank you. I am sure that Sir Edward is more than worthy. But I have never met him, and do not feel I am the most appropriate to comment.

Sincerely,
for Lederberg.

Fax to ✓ 1/13/95