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Dear Andre:

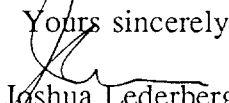
I have not had a chance to see you since the merger with Perkin-Elmer; but I trust that is going very well to your satisfaction, and that of the scientific community's. The merger did of course moot the matter of my possibly joining your board; I am sorry that other circumstances not under my control interfered with my chance of closer affiliation with you, personally and institutionally.

My own work is going right along, as I continue my research as a professor here.

I do have a favor to ask of you, though you may have only an indirect connection with the decisional parties at this time. The Rockefeller University has just submitted the attached proposal to the Perkin Elmer Corporation for our Shared Technology Center. I wanted to express my own deep interest in the success of that proposal, which would be a direct boon to my own laboratory, as well as to many of my colleagues who are doing work of inestimable fundamental importance.

If you have any way to just put in a word on our behalf, I would be most appreciative. The Perkin family has had a long interest in the university; in fact I will be lunching with Dick Perkin today, but any other positive input can only be helpful.

With best regards, and I hope we can try the Mandarin Gourmet again soon: it's my turn to pick up the tab,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. I enclose a couple of other items that may interest you, on DNA history and on some diagnostic and public policy problems in infectious disease.

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