Dr. Joshua Lederberg Dept. of Genetic Stanford Med. School Palo Alto California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

There is at present in Italy a great interest for what concern/space biology. I was requested to report on this program. Since I know how much you have done for the realization of this program, I would be most grateful if you would kindly send me articles by you on this topic and - if possible- reference to pettinent literature. If this material is available, I would ask you to send it to me to my adress in St. Louis, adressing it to my secretary Mrs. Leonore Friedman:

> Mrs. Lennore Friedman Dept. of Biology Washington University St. Louis Missouri 63130

She forwards the mail to me in Rome daily and I would receive it in a few days.

I will remain in Rome until late in the Fall. I was offered the position of Director of the new Laboratory of Cell Biology which includes neurobiology, Immuno-chedistry and Molecular Biology of Animal cells. I still have not made up my mind whether I should accept it or not also in view of the continuous strikes and students unrest which make the situation rather difficult.

If you come to Rome in the summer or in the Fall, please let me know. We would be delighted if you could give us a Lectureaat the Istituto Superiore di Sanità where at present I still carry all my work in the field of insect neurobiology. The adress of the Istituto is: Istituto Superiore di Sanità

Viale Regina Elena 299 Roma 00161.

My home adress is: Viale di Villa Massimo 3 Tel: 84 53524 Roma 00161

With best greetings and regards.

Sincerely, Mite levi- montel

Rita Levi-Montalcini