



December 4, 1980.

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President Joshua Lederberg,
The Rockefeller University,
1230 York Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10021.

Dear Josh,

Thank you for your very interesting letter of December 1, 1980 inviting me to serve on the Council of your very excellent university.

I shall be delighted to do this and expect to be able to come to the January meeting on the 28th. The one in June is not quite so secure because the opening date for Cecil Green's new medical clinical college at Oxford has not been set up yet. I would hope to make the June meeting as well of course if I can arrange the dates at Oxford.

Please assure your chairman of Council, Dr. Jim Linen that I regard this as a very high honour indeed, and I shall do my very best to help the wonderful work of your university to become better recognized internationally, certainly in Canada, than it may have been in the past. I cannot think of a higher quality institution, and as you know, I have covered most of the world in my travels and my teaching.

I send you what must be the last of the reprints which I have on "The Cost of Not Doing Medical Research". The requests for reprints have been coming in like snow and I have never had so many interesting letters about a single brief article as in this case. I think it simply means that people are ready for this message and that now is the time to trumpet it from the rooftops. Being miserly over the real hope of the human race is surely counter-productive. I was over at the Government of British Columbia Cabinet meetings yesterday defending the quarter billion dollars of the universities' budgets for the province and quoted them my sign on my office door, "If you think Education is expensive try ignorance", and the Minister stopped the meeting while he wrote this down! You can tell what the Legislature is about to hear today.

Again Josh, I very much appreciate this kind invitation and it will be a great pleasure to work with you further in the future.

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President Joshua Lederberg, (cont'd.)

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

William C. Gibson, M.D., F.R.C.P.
Chairman

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