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PRESIDENT

Dr. Hanna H. Gray
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Dear Hanna:

Having been accustomed to the familiar representations of John D. Rockefeller at an age that most of us would be in dotage, I was pleasantly surprised to find a portrait that had been executed by Eastman Johnson in 1895. This reflects a character showing some of the vigor that, whatever else might be said, can hardly be denied to the life and career of the founder of both of our institutions!

I was so taken with it that I requested that a photograph be made of the detail of the bust and I am sending on a copy in the confident belief that it would be of some interest to you as well.

The portrait now hangs at the Rockefeller Archive Center (which is operated by the Rockefeller University) at Pocantico Hills. As a historian, you surely would be interested in this project and I am enclosing a brochure for whatever interest it may have for you and perhaps some of your colleagues.

I am sorry to have missed the last couple of meetings of the Board: but if there is nothing else to continue to bind us I hope to see you there more frequently in the future.

My situation here has met all expectations; and I certainly wish the same for you.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

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