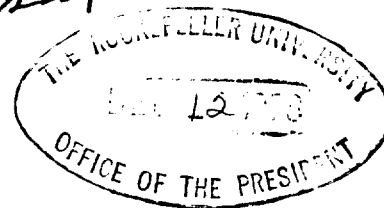


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am writing to request your views on the Foundation for International Scientific and Technological Cooperation Act which I plan to introduce in the next Congress. The purposes of the legislation and the concerns that prompted its preparation are discussed in the accompanying statement. A copy of the draft legislation is also enclosed.

The Carter Administration is considering a proposal to establish a Foundation for International Technological Cooperation. Although this proposal will share many of the objectives of my legislation, it appears there will be certain differences. With that in mind, I would welcome your comments on the following issues:

--Should the Foundation be independent with its own Board of Directors, as provided for in my bill, or should it be placed with other aid agencies within the Administration's proposed International Development Cooperation Agency (IDCA)? My bill assumes that independence will enhance the quality of scientific and technological work and give the Foundation greater credibility and confidence in its dealings with the third world.

--Should the Foundation's programs be identified as in the Administration's listing of specific problem areas such as nutritional improvement in poor families and increasing rural productivity, or should the functions of the Foundation be left to its Board of Directors? Should AID programs be transferred to the Foundation as in the Administration's proposal?

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--To what degree, if any, should non-U.S. nationals participate in the activities and management of the Foundation?

Your comments and recommendations on other aspects of the legislation are also welcome. Your views will be evaluated carefully prior to preparing the final version of the legislation. I would appreciate receiving your comments by January 8, 1979.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,


ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Chairman
Subcommittee on Science, Technology
and Space

Enclosures