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Dear Professor Lederberg:

I have enclosed a set of materials for the RFF/NSF Workshop scheduled for September 18-19 here in Washington. These materials include an agenda and a set of brief descriptions prepared by the authors commissioned for each paper. As the schedule indicates, John and I hope that we will be able to review the substance of the issues to be addressed in these papers with the authors during the first day. The morning of the second day can then be devoted to an executive session where John and I can solicit your advice on the project as it now stands. The principal issues to be reviewed would include (a) amendments or refinements to the topics as commissioned, (b) suggestions as to the process we have proposed for the presentation of the papers and their discussion at the final conference, (c) strategies for incorporating the topics that were necessarily not considered because of funding and/or administrative limitations, and (d) suggestions of persons we would like to have participate in the final conference in February.

As I indicated to you in telephone conversations over the past three weeks, I have been trying to arrange the dates for our final conference. As you might suspect, there is no date that is simultaneously acceptable to all members of the committee. It was necessary to attempt to accommodate the schedules of the greatest number of people possible. Moreover, there was also a real need to make the decision in a timely fashion to provide sufficient notification for the hotel, authors, and discussants of the papers involved. The dates which were finally selected are February 12 and 13, 1979; a Monday and Tuesday. I expect that the meetings will run the full two days. Shortly after the Workshop meeting we will be sending you more specific material on the final meeting. We look forward to seeing you in September, and if you have any questions on the enclosures, please don't hesitate to contact me. With best regards.

Sincerely,

V. Kerry Smith
Fellow

Enclosures
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