

December 11, 1948.

Dean Aura W. Sevringhaus,  
College of Physicians & Surgeons,  
New York 32, N.Y.

Dear Dean Sevringhaus,

I am writing to you at the request of Mr. Norton Zinder who is applying for admission to the 1949 First Year class in the Medical School.

Mr. Zinder has been a student working in my laboratory since July 1948. During this time, he has been pursuing a research program on the Salmonella group of bacteria in intimate association with me. I have found him to be highly intelligent, industrious and cooperative.

When he first came to Wisconsin, Mr. Zinder displayed certain signs of immaturity in his conversation, appearance and manner. During this year, however, he has showed considerable progress, and in my judgment is ready to begin medical work in a way that he probably was not a year or two years ago. Mr. Zinder's academic record speaks for itself; he would undoubtedly be an asset to his class. We will be sorry to lose him to medical school, but he was taken on here on the understanding that he might leave for this reason.

With sincerest personal regards,

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg,  
Assistant Professor of Genetics.