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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

I have followed your column with interest, but this letter is particularly prompted by your January 25th report on genetic engineering. Marlier this month, a small gathering was assembled here to discuss broad crosses, along the lines of the triticale development. The enclosed material gives a brief description of this meeting, and might be of general interest to you.

Also enclosed are two other recent releases: one of them contains remarks by Dr. J. George Harrar, the Foundation President, on the problem of world food sufficiency as measured against the increasing population; the other reports on the Foundation's move to support new approaches and scientific research toward a new birth control method, particularly in view of the need in developing nations, with a \$2 million grant to the University of North Carolina.

Please get in touch with me if I can help you further.

Sincerely.

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