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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

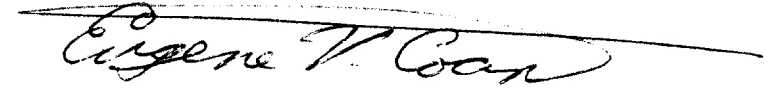
Zero Population Growth, Inc. (ZPG), is an educational-political action organization whose purpose is to bring about population stability in the United States and then in the rest of the world. We believe this is necessary in order to conserve our resources and to have the time to resolve our population related problems. Because overpopulation is a contributor to politically dangerous situations, we must, by dealing with our own population problem, set a credible example for countries which are not yet in trouble because of overpopulation; in this way, we would contribute to world stability.

ZPG is continually looking for ways to stress to the American public the critical necessities imposed on us by population growth. We are writing to all of the American Nobel Prize winners to ask if you would be interested in a free membership in our organization. We would like to put your name on our mailing list to receive our monthly National Reporter, the most recent issue of which is enclosed. Enclosed also is a sample of our literature. We have included a reply blank and a return envelope for your convenience.

In the future, we may want to develop an influential piece of literature endorsed by a group of prestigious supporters like yourself. If we did so, we would clear it with each individual involved. As an example, enclosed is a resolution we are working on currently to be signed by various conservation and environmental organizations.

Thank you very much. We trust that when you have read our literature, you will share our feelings of urgency in dealing with this problem.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene V. Coan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

Eugene V. Coan, Ph.D.
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