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Dear Josh:

This is to express my appreciation of your willingness to participate in the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. To put the record in order, the program has been designed for the afternoon of Wednesday, March 21, 1973, from 2 - 4 o'clock in the Masur Auditorium of the Clinical Center, NIH. There will be four speakers on approximately the following schedule:

- 2:00 Opening Comments
Introduction of distinguished guests
- 2:10 Dr. Philip Handler - "Why a Basic Science Institute at NIH?"
- 2:30 Dr. Joshua Lederberg - "Implications of the Life Sciences for the Future of Man"
- 3:00 Dr. Norman Anderson - "Synthesis of Basic Research and Engineering Development in the Interests of the Patient"
- 3:30 Dr. Lewis Thomas - "Notes of a Biology Watcher: Applications of Biological Knowledge to Clinical Medicine"
- 4:00 Adjournment

Please feel free to change to your personal satisfaction the title of your talk. It would be my hope that, in addition to the usual audience derived largely from intramural scientists at NIH, we would attract some of the governmental personnel in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Also, we shall endeavor to bring in representative members of the press who are concerned with reporting of science.

I visualize this get-together as an opportunity once again to try to explain why the conduct and the support of basic medical sciences is a good thing. From your own experience you will recall how difficult it is sometimes to explain to even the sympathetic and educated layman the

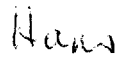
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the reasons why the conduct of research in your field is of pressing importance to society. Transmission of this message, if effective, will assure us a prosperous second decade.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you. It is my hope that this seminar will be followed by a dinner to which the important guests will be invited.

With kindest regards,

Yours as ever,



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