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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Commencing in January, 1968, the American Chemical Society will publish a new journal of short, timely reviews, entitled Accounts of Chemical Research.

The kind of review article desired for Accounts of Chemical Research is the kind that an active investigator can write spontaneously, almost without consulting his notes or the library, about the subject currently of greatest interest to him. In general, the article should present the salient experimental discoveries and theoretical results, interpret their significance, establish perspective with respect both to earlier work and to contemporary research by other investigators, evaluate critically the present status of the subject, and cast a glance to the future. Such articles should be of great value to chemists in their efforts to keep abreast of current developments.

It is intended that Accounts of Chemical Research shall represent the highest standards, both of scientific content and of effectiveness of presentation. A high standard can best be established if the early issues carry articles written by investigators of particular distinction.

It is for this reason that I write to you, to invite you to write an article for one of the 1968 issues of Accounts of Chemical Research. In issuing this invitation, I have in mind particularly your work on the topological mapping of molecules with computer techniques, but you should feel free to write on another suitable subject which you may consider more appropriate.

I am pleased to offer an honorarium of two hundred fifty dollars, payable on publication of your article. Incidentally, no page charge will be levied and you will be entitled to 100 free reprints. Also, please note that your article will reach the desk of every member of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg

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Having invited you to write, I naturally expect to accept your article, provided only that it does not exceed about 5,000 words and that it is up to your usual high standards. Your manuscript will be sent to competent readers who will be asked to write opinions advisory to you, but it will not be refereed in the usual sense.

I look forward to receiving your favorable reply. Please give me the probable title of your article and the date when I can expect your manuscript.

Yours very truly,



J. F. Bunnett
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P.S. I enclose a statement of the intended character of Accounts of Chemical Research, and of the articles to appear in it.

J.F.B.