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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

The Board of Managers of the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia decided recently to "resuscitate" the Institute and restore it to its old scientific splendor.

The Institute name will be changed from the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology to the Wistar Institute for the Study of the Mammalian Cell. The scope of the research activities at the Institute will be considerably enlarged and preliminary plans have been formulated to create three headed by future Members of the Institute. Members will be engaged pursuing pathways of their own scientific interest within the broad scope of the study of the Cell.

Position of the Member of the Institute is similar to the tenure position of a professor of University of Pennsylvania. A Member of the Wistar Institute will have a parallel appointment at the Faculty level but no teaching duties. The Institute is empowered however to grant Ph.D. degrees and Members will be assisted by graduate students and any other personnel they desire to choose.

I have been offered the position of the Director of the Wistar Institute. I have deferred my decision since I believe that scientific future of the Institute

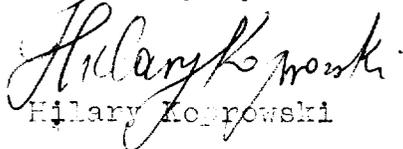
does not hinge on the person of the Director but will be determined by the quality of the scientific staff.

The purpose of my letter is to inquire if, by any chance, you would not be interested to come to Philadelphia and join the Wistar Institute as a Member and head of a division. The great esteem in which I hold your scientific achievements have prompted me to write this letter. Having an assurance that a person of your caliber would be interested in joining the Institute and pursuing the same type of scientific investigations as you have conducted up to now will certainly weigh heavily upon my own decision.

If you would have any interest in further inquiries about the Institute please do so, by all means. If I am unable to give adequate information, I shall do my best to obtain those from Dr. Norman Topping, Vice-President of the University of Pennsylvania and Member of the Board of Managers of the Wistar Institute.

With warm personal regards

Sincerely yours


Hilary Kopprowski