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Department of Medical Genetics

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Dean Roy M. Dorcus
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Dear Dean Dorcus:

I am honored by your letter of April 15. Like this University, and very few others, you have a rare opportunity to integrate other academic with medical research and education, which can be achieved by a variety of administrative devices. I say this, having just moved to the medical school here with just such an aim.

For a number of reasons, however, I do not believe I should encourage your consideration of my candidacy for your position in Bacteriology at the present time. My best wishes and thanks to your colleagues, nonetheless.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Medical Genetics
Chairman

P.S. May I take the occasion to submit a copy of a letter concerning the qualifications of Dr. P. D. Skaar for a position in Zoology.