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Dr. Herman Lewis  
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Dear Herman

I am sending you the request for renewal of the Stanford/Pavia grant. I would like to mention some of the reasons why this grant is especially important to me. It has permitted me to carry out some important research and writing in the past and has assisted me in settling into my new position during this past year. I have been delayed in applying for new grants, first by some very heavy teaching and other duties, and next by a cervical condition which is just now beginning to improve. I am now waiting for answers to applications which have been made. While waiting for these applications to come through (hopefully), the Stanford/Pavia grant has given me the chance to make a start, though in modest proportions, with the help of Italian colleagues who had already been trained in the work that I wish to carry on here. The Stanford/Pavia grant has thus been extremely useful, at least to me. It gives me the best chance of helping my parent institution in Pavia by providing continued training for bright people from that institution. Most of these people (there are three here now and we hope to have a fourth soon) will eventually return to Italy, after an adequate period here during which I am sure they will obtain a much better training than would be possible in Italy, as there is a fantastically favorable environment at Stanford Genetics Department for research.

In addition, continuation on the American side is a pre-requisite for continuation on the Italian side of this grant. I consider this grant to be extremely important in bringing life to Pavia. I am very pleased that many of the people we have brought from Pavia have had a favorable impact on Stanford researchers, so the flow of benefit is not entirely unidirectional towards Pavia.

I am, of course, very anxious to be able to get other grants (for which I have applied both to the N.S.F. and to the N.I.H.) so I may develop my projects in full. However, I do not want to underestimate the importance of the Stanford/Pavia grant for my own personal research as well as for Stanford and Pavia personnel. The accompanying report outlines our projects only summarily, but we plan to continue along the lines started here. Some of these projects have been started too recently to bear fruit, but preliminary results

have already been very encouraging.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you personally for your support and confidence in my scientific activity.

Yours sincerely,

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