

Project Site Visit

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Bacteriology

RG 1445(C) Study Section Bacteriology

Invest. Dr. Joshua Lederberg Inst. University of Wisconsin

Title Genetics of Salmonella

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Results:

a. Summary: Dr. Lederberg's situation in the Agricultural College of the University of Wisconsin is an excellent one. Although he has comparatively small space, this is well utilized and the several workers engaged on other projects appear competent. Dr. Lederberg is uncertain who he will employ in the coming year on this project since his present full-time project assistant is to leave in June. I was unable to meet those engaged under RGL445 because of Easter recess at the University. Dr. Lederberg advised me that for the third year of this project, on which the Study Section had made a three-year commitment, \$4,320 would be requested, this sum allowing for an increase in the salary of a project assistant during the last year. I was able to clarify one point in his progress report, namely, his use of the designation "proline-histidineless mutant". This term is to be interpreted to mean a strain of organisms unable to synthesize proline and histidine (as I had suspected this term ^{meant} is to be).

I had heard exceedingly favorable comment on the reputation of Dr. Lederberg as an investigator. I believe Dr. Lederberg deserves his good reputation.

b. Details, if indicated:

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