

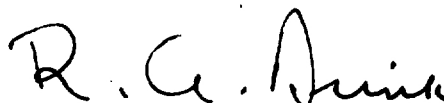
It is the policy of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture to support basic research fairly liberally within the limits of its operating funds. There is a multiplicity of calls, however, for these funds. The Administration, therefore, normally looks to sources outside the College budget for help for fundamental work of the kind which Lederberg is undertaking.

Recently Lederberg and I have been considering possible sources of support outside the University for his investigations. I told him of the timely help which The Rockefeller Foundation had provided Irwin, and Cooper and myself, in the past and suggested that inquiry might be made whether the Foundation would be interested in considering his present needs.

On learning yesterday that you were to be on the campus next week I decided to write you at once with the thought that should you desire it, an opportunity might be found during your visit to meet Lederberg and discuss this matter directly.

Lederberg is an unusually able young investigator with an extraordinary breadth of knowledge and biological interests. He is beginning to be recognized already as a spark plug in the biological research group on the campus. We are hopeful of important things from him. Our present concern is to provide him with the means necessary to carry forward a program which appears sound.

Sincerely yours,



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