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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

A letter from Dr. Sonneborn indicates that he would welcome your collaboration on the Genetics of Microorganisms. Furthermore, he is apparently quite willing to take up his pen again to prepare the definitive work he originally planned -- with your able help. I need hardly add that the collaboration has our enthusiastic support, and we will be ready to make a definite offer for the publication of the book whenever the two of you are ready.

Will you please write Dr. Sonneborn concerning the matter? I would appreciate being kept informed of developments.

Best wishes,

John A. Behnke

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cc: Dr. Sonneborn