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Dear Ralph:


Dr. Skoog has just told me of his writing to you in regard to the possibility of an appointment here.

I hope you will give it very careful consideration, as I think the program has many more potentialities than the Department is able to make definite commitments for. The problems of lakes biology are financially very important to the Madison community, and there should be no problem of duration of support. If you are as good a research worker as you and I think, the question of tenure should solve itself too.

As to a position for Joyce, I just don't know whether the lakes project itself would have room for her or not, but in any event I know she would have no trouble at all in finding a suitable position. We might even become interested in algal genetics, be it diatoms or bluegreens, ourselves.

My advice may be colored by the anticipated pleasure of having you as neighbors on campus, and you will have to make up your own minds at any rate. Whatever you do, best wishes, and

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg