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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am very acknowledged for your recent kind letter, however I am very regrettable that I could not reply before this time. In fact, I was out of my laboratory for a while.

Reading your letter, I was very <sup>much</sup> struck by your unexpected thoughtfulness even <sup>towards</sup> as to my impudent requests.

This letter is to write you that I was recently <sup>informed</sup> advised by <sup>Prof.</sup> Dr. D. L. Augustine, <sup>Department of Tropical Public Health,</sup> Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, to make application for admission for the academic year 1952-53. (which begins on September 22, 1952.) Only I ~~wish~~ if I could receive any financial aid for my staying in Boston, but I determined to try this application and am sending this application form to Boston.

Here I should beg your pardon for having placed your name in the item of ~~the~~ application form without waiting your approval. The item is that 'Give name and addresses of two or more persons, well acquainted with your work, who, at your request, are sending letters about your qualifications to the Dean & ~~Prof. Dr. D. L. Augustine~~ of the School of Public Health, Harvard University, 55 Shattuck Street, Boston, 15, Mass.' In reality, I fear that this request is too troublesome for you, but I can not help asking for your help. Because you are one of the persons who have very acquaintance with my works at least of my genetical studies. Then if you would kindly send your recommendation letter to Dean of Harvard School of Public Health, I should be very much grateful to you. Of course, ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> may limit to my works. As this application is urgent business, I am sorry that I could not ask for your approval before I sent my application form. Because, I must hurry up to sending this form, as he wrote me that my application forms will be brought before the Committee on Admissions held for the academic year 1952-53 as described above.

At present, I fear if <sup>any</sup> my financial aid would be received for my application and studying in Boston. However, if it ~~is~~ successfully made, I shall be able to have ~~an~~ pleasant days in Madison in the near future, and to talk about microbial genetics <sup>with you</sup>.

Trusting your unchangeable kindness <sup>to</sup> towards me and further help for my application, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. Please send your recommendation letter as soon as possible.

P.S. Here I should like to entreat you to send your recommendation letter to Harvard School promptly, if not so, my application form will not be completed.