

1086 East 180 Street,

New York, N.Y.,

December 28, 1942.

My dear Dr. Stodola,

Greetings.

This letter is not primarily a 'felicitation of the season', but has another more serious purpose, which I hope you will not regard as an imposition. I am applying for enlistment in the V-1 class, U.S.N.R., in hopes (among other things of being included in their medical training program.) One of the pieces of red tape that has to be cut is " (2) Three letters of recommendation from reputable citizens written on letterhead stationery of the business with which they are connected' " In this I am enlisting your aid. You must know much better than I what ought to be said; the matter must be left to your own good judgment. I should be truly grateful.

While it would be improper to inquire into the progress of your mycochemical work, may I again tender my good wishes for success. My own work ( in biology you know) is coming along & you may be getting a reprint on the effects of colchicine on animals sometime next summer (if I'm lucky.)

Well, g'bye now, and a Happy New Year.....

Very Sincerely yours,

*Joshua Lederberg*  
Joshua Lederberg (Ch 42)

*May I suggest a prompt reply.  
There is really need to hurry.  
Thank you J.L.*