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Metabolism and Genetics Mission to Russia, October, 1961

The Metabolism and Genetics Mission to Russia planned for October, 1961, has, in the last month, run into certain snags involving the availability of some of the suggested members. I have had letters from both Professor J. Lederberg of Stanford University and Professor George Beadle, now President of the University of Chicago, in which they say they cannot participate. For personal reasons, I also find myself unable to make this trip and must, therefore, make the following suggestions: 1. The mission be cancelled for this year and organized with different participants for a later date or (2) if it is to be made, to enlist two other individuals, preferably from the NIH to simplify clearance procedures, etc. I would suggest as ideal possibilities Dr. Harvey Itano, NIAMD, and Dr. Harry Eagle of the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Eagle is, of course, leaving the NIH this fall but, I think, might still be quite interested. The other members of the group would be: Dr. Curt Stern of the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Seymour Benzer of Purdue University, and Dr. Erwin Chargaff of Columbia University (who, incidentally, speaks quite good Russian).

I sincerely hope that other arrangements can be made to carry through this Mission with profit.

cc: Drs. Beadle, Chargaff, Lederberg,  
Benzer, Stern

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