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Department of Bacteriology,

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Dr. J. Lederberg,  
Department of Genetics,  
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WISCONSIN - U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Dr. A. Bernstein tells me that he is applying for a research assistantship with you at Wisconsin, and has asked me to act as one of his referees.

My knowledge of Dr. Bernstein refers to the period of one year (1951-52) during which he worked in this Department as a member of a group of advanced postgraduates studying for the Academic Diploma in Bacteriology. I formed an excellent impression of him during this time. He was a hard worker of the solid rather than the sparkling kind. He has a good general knowledge of fundamental and medical bacteriology, and I and my colleagues regarded him as one of the best in his group.

This course of study enables us only indirectly to assess the qualities of a worker with regard to research. My view is that Dr. Bernstein would tackle a research task with method and purpose. He is a tidy worker and, having made his plans, I am sure that he would pursue the work with enthusiasm even if notable results were not forthcoming at an early stage.

We have heard much about your laboratory from Dr. Stocker, who has of course an unusually quick perception of a problem. Dr. Bernstein's qualities are rather different, in the way I have indicated. I have no doubt that his industry and reliability would prove of first importance in research in bacterial genetics. Dr. Bernstein is a pleasant man, quiet and liked by his colleagues. It gives me pleasure to commend his application to you.

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Eric Parham

Professor of Bacteriology.

