

12, Mayfields Close,  
Wembley Park,  
Middx.

6th. August, 1953.

Dear Professor Lederberg,

I have now secured a passage and am due to arrive in New York on the 29th. August. This will enable me to spend some little time in New York and New Haven before coming on to Madison. I should think that I will arrive somewhere about the 10th or 11th September if this would be convenient. I will let you have more definite details of this after my arrival in America.

I have visited Dr Joyce Wright and obtained from her further representative O55B5 strains and also some high titre H sera ( 2,6,7 & 12). These she is sending to me care of you at the University, they would probably arrive after your return from vacation but before my arrival. It would, however, probably be just as well if they could be unpacked and the sera refrigerated at 4°C and the cultures tested for viability. My own collection of cultures and some further sera I will have sent off from Colindale under a similar arrangement and these should also I think be treated in a like fashion. Are there any further materials you would like me to obtain?

I feel that we have both been misunderstanding each other a little. I certainly did not intend to give the impression that I was coming merely because of a sense of obligation or debt. This would not, I feel, provide a fruitful basis for my work under you, on the other hand I did wish to express my thanks for your various kind offices on my behalf. As you said however, one does not wish to belabour this point.

Since last writing I have seen both Dr. Spicer and Dr. Anderson, they both desired me to send you their kind regards.

I trust that you and Mrs. Lederberg are having a pleasant vacation. I am also on leave at present but am rather busy completing final arrangements. I am very much looking forward to my stay in Madison particularly after the glowing accounts that I have had from Spicer.

Thank you for letting me have the address of the bank, I am arranging to transfer some of my sterling from my own bank and will open an account there on my arrival.

Yours sincerely,

PS My address in New Haven will be- 764, George Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

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