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Dear Chuck:

I am enclosing the resume on Dr. Bernstein. It strikes me that if you want some one who could combine a great expertise in diagnostic bacteriology with a scholarly capacity for fundamental research, then here's your man.

As I told you, Aleck is married to an American girl (nee Helen Byers, from Indiana) who is probably his main motivation for emigrating. He is a rather solid citizen and I don't think you need worry about his possibly wanting to repatriate himself once he decides on settling here. I think he's capable of a higher research output than he has shown in practice, but if you want someone to handle the dual job, no apologies are needed.

He spent two years here workingoon the immunogenetics of E. coli, and is acquainted with current activity in bacterial and phage genetics. The actual results of those two years were not stunning, but the problem proved to be much tougher than we had anticipated, and I wouldn't make a demerit out of that. Another years work by the Ørskovs, who came with unmatchable experience in E. coli serology, and the full set of type strains and sera, only just managed to make a toehold in the same problem.

Bernstein has been working under E.S. Anderson at Colindale, in the lab. which Felix had organized. The situation is such that I would advise you not to consult Anderson about Bernstein's qualifications until you had done enough preliminary scouting to have an idea that you might make an offer. Some people you might ask for references from would include: Bruce Stocker (Lister Institute); Clive Spicer (also at Colindale); S.G. Bradley (in Syverton's Dept. at U/Minn; he was a post-doct. fellow here at the same time as Bernstein).

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Since it looks as if I will be switiching over to the Genetics SS, I'll miss the chance of seeing you at Seattle. One of the rewards of the job was the chance to know people like yourself on a closer basis.