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Dear Prof Lederberg:

The purposes of this Journal are outlined in the attached preliminary announcement.

The Institute was formed last month as a non-profit corporation and as a legal entity for the Journal. Its incorporators, for reasons of convenience, are all from the Bay Area, and include: S T D Anderson, MD, of San Rafael; Judge D R Baty of San Rafael; Henry Breitrose of Stanford University; R G Hannah, MD, of Berkeley; and myself.

We are in the process of forming an Advisory Board of some ten eminent minds, here and abroad; not ~~as~~ sinecurists, but of individuals who will discuss, through correspondence, subject-matter for the Journal, and who will suggest writers. The Advisory Board will consist of men of science and men of letters.

My friend Aldous Huxley and I have talked for more than a year, quite casually, of the need for such a Journal; and something is now being attempted. Huxley agreed, by letter several days ago, to join this Board of Advisors with 'great pleasure.'

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to join this Board of Advisors. Breitrose has spoken so very highly of you. L L Whyte, during a day and evening we had spent in conversation, had urged me to come to Stanford to meet you. What I have heard of your thoughts about your work indicate an enormously stimulating mind. As a Nobel Laureate, I can imagine that many requests are made for your time; nevertheless, I urge you to join this Board.

Others invited include Prof Martin Buber, P M S Blackett, C P Snow, Charles Davy, Halldor Laxness, Sisir Kumar Ghose, P Flor-Henry, R O Whipple, Gunnar Jahn, Jonas Salk, Wm O Douglas.

I would appreciate your comments on the enclosed statement.

Sincerely yours,

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