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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Stanford Medical Center
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Many thanks for your note concerning Dr. Bjorksten's protein cross-linkage theory of aging.

I am giving some consideration to spending some time as a layman in raising funds for basic gerontological research. Do you consider this a worthwhile project, or merely a waste of time?

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Do you feel that there is a surplus or a shortage of research funds available for such research? Can individuals not associated with an institution readily obtain such research funds, or are they available to scientists affiliated with institutions? Are you acquainted with any specific projects in need of research funds which you consider worthy of immediate investigation? Does it seem unreasonable to you to anticipate a significant advance toward our understanding of the causes of aging by 1970?

Your comments on the above subjects would be most appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Paul F. Glenn

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1. Very worthwhile if carefully oriented
2. Mixed. Operating funds for short-term projects is fairly easy now. In urgent short supply for medical research generally use capital funds - especially for building and equipment. Unavailability of 50:50 matching funds from NIH makes this even more tantalizing.