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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Since our correspondence last summer, my exploratory attempts with foundations and individuals to raise part of the one million dollars, which you stated you need for research facilities in such areas as the ultra-structure of cells and tissues, have met with no success.

My quest had as its objective the raising of funds for research on the basic biology of aging. It seems to me that an important reason for failure thus far is that gerontological research has not been recognized by the scientific community or by the lay public as a separate discipline with equal rank of other fields of investigation in the life sciences.

It may be necessary to improve the image of gerontological research if we are to raise research funds and to attract into the field capable younger scientists. In the hope of accelerating the acceptance of gerontological research, it would be helpful if leading members of the scientific community would sign the enclosed letter to President Johnson. It is anticipated that a small group of representatives of the signers will meet with the President to discuss and explain the problems and research requirement of the investigation of the aging process. Your signature on this letter would be important in accomplishing its purpose.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Paul F. Glenn

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Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL