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Dear Professor Lederberg,

I beg to thank you very much for your letter of the 25th June and for your recommending once more my application with the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

The application was said to be discussed at the last meeting of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, which took place on the 14th July. Unfortunately the definitive decision has been postponed. The commission wanted to know before, if I shall have the possibility to resume my present position at the Technical University after returning from the United States. This question has been answered in the affirmative, and I do hope that there will no longer be objections, and that my application will be granted at the next meeting, which will probably take place in September.

My application has been put in already in February, and I think it surprising, how long a time it takes, until it comes to a decision in this matter. I shall not be able to start for Madison until November or December, and I am anxious that my staying at your institute might come at a very inconvenient time.

I have informed Dr. Ørskov about the delay of my passage. I do hope that our plans for mutual help can be realized also later on.

Some days ago I have posted to you a reprint of my publication on the sexual cycle of star-forming bacteria. I have been able to continue my morphological experiments on bacterial sexuality and to enlarge the results as to bacteria <sup>strains</sup> ~~types~~ and as to the mediums, favourable for sexuality. I hope, soon to be able to give you personally a full report on these experiments.

I am, very sincerely Yours,

