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Dear Professor Kikkawa:

I have been delighted to learn of the bold plans for the expansion of work in molecular biology -- genetics, biochemistry and biophysics -- at Osaka University under your direction. During my visit to Japan I was deeply impressed by the contributions to science which your colleagues and compatriots are making, often under the most stringent conditions. Despite the great diligence, industry and intelligence with which your research problems are attacked, there can be no question of the severe limitations on the possibilities of important scientific progress which are imposed by the lack of suitable conditions in which to work, and the organization of an effective team of collaborators with advance training in many fields. The group that you are bringing together is one of high and demonstrated talent, and I wish you all success in the realization of your worthy aspirations for the benefit of science in Japan and in the whole world.

With cordial best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

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