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*Thanks, Charlie - He
introduced himself, and I
enjoyed talking to him. He
is pretty busy this year. After
that, ...*

*Sincerely,
Joshua.*

Dear Josh:

This may be a little late, like most of my letters I seem to get around to writing, but I did want to drop you a note introducing a recent graduate of Northwestern Medical School, Gerald Kolodny, who is starting his internship at Stanford this summer. I imagine he is already on deck and may have introduced himself already.

Jerry is particularly interested in the field of exobiology and did a three months "clerkship" with us this winter. Even though I explained to him before he came that our excursions into exobiology were primarily concerned with killing earth microorganisms so that someone else might examine the Martian ones, he did a very nice piece of work for us particularly in connection with the Partichrome, of which I believe you are familiar, and which has of course points in common with the microscopic scanner you were considering for Mars. We gave him the dirty task of trying to chase down the sources of some of the particulate matter in air which takes up the biological stain even though it is apparently not of microbiological origin. As a matter of fact we are not certain but that some of it may even be inorganic in origin.

Jerry has a nice background and training in instrumentation and many other interests beyond that of the usual medical student. He did not even take too great offense when I made the crack that someone interested in exobiology should probably be getting a veterinary rather than a medical degree. I hope he will have a chance to meet you if his internship does not keep his nose too close to the grindstone.

Sincerely,

Charlie

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