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Dr. J. Lederberg  
Department of Medical Genetics  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am writing to you concerning a graduate student of mine who will be receiving his Ph.D. degree in June 1959.

Mr. Eugene Nester has expressed his desire to do advanced studies in microbial genetics after graduation from this department. He is particularly anxious to work with you and your group as a post-doctoral fellow.

I can recommend Mr. Nester to you very highly. He is one of the best students we have had in this department. His thesis is concerned with a study of the biosynthesis of DNA in T2-infected PABA-less mutants of E. coli. He has been working with phage for a number of years and feels the need for working more closely with genetic problems.

If you feel that you would be interested in Mr. Nester as a post-doctoral fellow, would you let me know? He would be glad to come to Madison for an interview if you desire it.

Sincerely yours,

*John Spizizen*

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*I would be very much interested in hearing from Mr. Nester. I assume he would apply for a post-doctoral fellowship, say from NIH, to take effect in July, or September 1959. May I ask him to return the enclosed questionnaire as a matter of form? I would like to hear directly from him concerning his research, and whether he has any specific notions of the post-doctorate program he wants to follow.*

*P.S. I understand you have unearthed another DNA-transduction in Bacillus subtilis. Any details available yet? If you have a mo. I would return it promptly.*

*J.L.*

SPIZIZEN, J.