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Dr. R. W. Siegel
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Dear Siegel:

I am glad to find you are now well established at U.C.L.A.

Two names come to my mind for the position you have open. One is Dave Skaar whose background you might know almost too well to have considered seriously. During the past four or five years, he has moved away entirely from protozoan genetics, and is making an increasingly good reputation in his work with bacteria. I know Dave is interested in an academic position, and with a little stretching of the vacancy you have it might be possible to make a mutually happy arrangement. I am enclosing a dossier that may help the department in its deliberations.

A second possibility is Seymour Lederberg, who is currently a post-doctoral fellow with Dan Masia at the Department of Zoology at Berkeley. His interests might be considered to be cell physiology, as much as genetics, but he hasn't been able to stay out of either, and is currently working on the relationship of nuclear DNA to cytoplasmic RNA in *Tetrahymena* and in bacteria. He took his Ph.D. with Luria on "Genetic functions of prophage--- interference with the multiplication of heterologous bacteriophages", which is the title of his dissertation, about ready to be sent into press. You can get more information about his qualifications from Luria and from Masia. I know he is interested in a position where he can continue his research and also develop a course in General Biology, so this seems in line with your requirements. I would prefer that you not deal with him directly in soliciting any further information and documents.

With best regards and wishes for the new year,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics