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Dear Swaminathan:

I am really very sorry that our hasty trip through India was so rushed in planning and execution that we did not manage to visit you in New Delhi. If another opportunity presents itself, we will act more wisely next time. I was on the point of writing you about it just before we left Australia, but it is perhaps just as well since it proved to be impossible to include Delhi in our itinerary during our hasty transit.

Thank you for bringing Mr. Ganesan to my attention. I would be happy to entertain an application from him, though I must say I am at the moment just a little uncertain as to what our laboratory commitments will be for the next year. May I rely on your letter as an unqualified endorsement of him? You must realize that I will have very little else to go on.

I am, of course, still interested in pursuing a cytogenetic program with bacteria particularly on the details of sexual fertilization.

Is there anyone else of our mutual acquaintance who knows him? In any case I will look forward to hearing from him. Do you know if he would have any interest in postponing the start of his work until say one year from now?

With all best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Medical Genetics

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I knew him as ~~the~~  
~~the~~ post doc  
at U-Wis

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