

March 1, 1955

Dr. C. A. Elvejhem
Dean
Graduate School
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.

Dear Dean Elvejhem:

I regret to have to record a serious accident incurred by Mr. Robert Errol Wright, a Research Assistant in Genetics. Mr. Wright suffered serious head injury and is in critical condition at the Mercy Hospital at Janesville. The accident occurred on the highway near Janesville yesterday morning; his case is being managed by Dr. M. Javid of our hospital's neurosurgical division.

I wish to take this opportunity to record that Wright's injury was incurred while he was on duty status. I had arranged with Professor C. C. Lindegren of the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale that Wright visit him for the purpose of exchanging cultures and information on the research project in yeast genetics on which Wright is engaged. He was returning from this trip when the accident occurred.

Mr. Wright was accompanied for the trip by Dr. Peter Day and Mrs. Wright, both of whom are also employed by the University in related capacities (Dr. Day is an honorary fellow in Plant Pathology). Fortunately, they escaped uninjured.

At the present time it is quite uncertain whether Mr. Wright will survive; we can only hope for the best. It seemed important, however, to record the facts relevant to Mr. Wright's duty status at the time of the accident.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics