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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I am writing to you to benefit from your counsel regarding the establishment of an institute for biological research and genetic counselling in Tehran. The institute would be the research arm of a national organization involved for the past 10 Years in social work such as the care and vocational training of mentally retarded children.

Our first objective would be to initiate a programme of family planning and genetic counselling and gradually become involved in all areas of biological research relevant to human welfare.

Initially we would try to form a nucleus of Iranian scientists but would also like to have foreign scientists here for varying periods to initiate research programmes and generally help to set up the institute. I would appreciate your help regarding the following points :

- 1. - Advise me on any matter whatsoever regarding the establishment of the institute.*
- 2. - Inform me of the presence of similar institutes.*
- 3. - Scientists involved in such research programmes who could help us initiate our programme. We could meet with these scientists and decide on a final plan of action.*

Your prompt consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated .

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours Sincerely,

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