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DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS

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Dr. Ruth Davis
Deputy Undersecretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Dr. Davis:

Don Levine of the SRI-Washington office called me yesterday to ask whether I could attend a brief meeting with you on the morning of September 27th. The agenda was to have been some aspects of defense and university relations. Mr. Levine also told me that I should be receiving a reply either from Dr. Perry or yourself to some questions that I had raised in my letter of June 9th to Dr. Frank Press on the same subject.

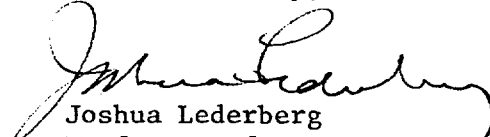
I will be in Washington on other business on that day, but it does not seem likely that I will be able to break away from my previous commitments. I will try to straighten that out and inform your office by telephone.

In the event that I do not have the opportunity to pursue the matter in person, I thought the most useful thing I could do is to forward an informal memorandum from Bill Miller, and to second his suggestion of the desirability of a rather small conference with representative university presidents and some faculty.

I do not know if the meeting on the 27th would have provided an opportunity to discuss some computer applications that perhaps deserve further attention. I would be glad to pick that up with you at your convenience and, again if I cannot see you in person, will try to call you to try to elicit possibly mutual convenient arrangements.

With many others, I would certainly like to wish you every success, and offer whatever personal support I can, for your new responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,



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