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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,  
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Dear Josh:

*I am writing you*

It has been suggested by several people that it would be desirable to have a monthly mimeographed "Bacterial Genetics Information Service" similar to those bulletins already existing in other fields of genetics. Dr. Evelyn Witkin at Cold Spring Harbor has kindly offered to take on the burden of editing such a bulletin. Since there are no facilities at Cold Spring Harbor for meeting the secretarial expense involved, Dr. Witkin is applying to the National Institute of Health for a very small grant to cover the expense for the first year.

Dr. Szilard has asked me to write you, suggesting that if you approve of this project it would be desirable to send a letter to Dr. Witkin stating your approval of the project. This group of letters from investigators in the field would be forwarded by Dr. Witkin in support of her application.

Since the appropriate Study Section of the National Institute of Health meets on January 15th, it will be desirable to have these letters in Dr. Witkin's hands as soon as possible. For this reason the present letter is being sent off in great haste, and bears my signature rather than that of Dr. Szilard.

Sincerely yours,

*Bernie*

Bernard D. Davis,  
Surgeon.

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