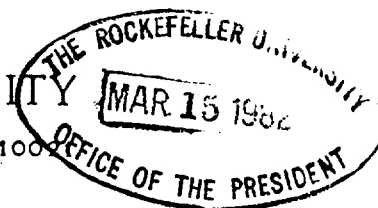


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Dear Professor Lin:

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Last December you wrote to Dr. Lederberg regarding your nomination of Professor San Chiun Shen from Shanghai for consideration under the fellowship that has been established by the Pao family on our campus. Unfortunately, your letter arrived during a very busy period in which, among other things, we were clarifying the purposes to be served by the generous support of the Pao family. Dr. Lederberg asked me to respond to your inquiry.

In short, the grant from the Pao family is to be used for fellowships to support predoctoral students in our Ph.D. program, with special attention being given to students coming from China whenever possible. Accordingly, we have not been using, and have no plans to use, the funding for senior scientists. I gather that you may already have learned about this guideline during the past couple of months.

We are well aware of Professor Shen's work and share your respect for him. Indeed, when a delegation from the University visited China in the spring of 1977, we made a brief stop at the institute with which he is involved. Although I do not recall meeting him myself, it is quite possible that he joined one of our meetings or lectures. (Incidentally, under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the trip report on our delegation's visit.)

I regret that it is not possible to join in the effort you have in mind to bring Professor Shen to the United States later this year or early next year. However, several of us would be glad to join you in exploring other possible sources of support, such as through the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Academy of Sciences, or other private sponsors.

Once again, we apologize for the delay in answering your letter--and best wishes from Dr. Lederberg.

Sincerely,

*Rodney W. Nichols*

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cc: Joshua Lederberg