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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
Professor of Medical Genetics,
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Stanford, California.

Dear Joshua,

How are you and your wife, Esther? Last summer I spent a bit of time with Dr. B.O. Dodge at the Bronx Botanical Garden and in conversation he mentioned that he knew Esther. He asked me to extend his regards to her when next I wrote, but unfortunately, by delaying until this time, Dr. Dodge has passed on, and so this is almost like a message from beyond the grave.

I have a favor to ask of you. I have applied for a National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship for Secondary School Teachers. I am requesting three summer's tenure during which I can complete a master's degree program in Biophysical Physiology at NYU. I have had an M.S. in science education for many years, and had even finished all my requirements except the thesis, for a Ph.D. in science education, but I feel the need for up-dating my knowledge of science and this would be a fine chance to do so. The NSF had requested two references from teachers under whom I had studied, who could judge of my academic and professional ability. However, all of the men have either retired or died, and so I have advised the NSF that I am submitting references from two former students, and you are one of them. Do you remember enough about me, both in class and in the Bio Club, to fill out the few brief items on the enclosed form? I will be deeply appreciative of your help in this.

→ Unfortunately, they want the report in Washington by January 6, 1961, which doesn't give much time.

With my warm good wishes and thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Jerry
P.S. - To help you answer Q.8 - Charter member of National Biology Teachers Assn.; Member since 1928 - AAAS; Member, Natl. Sci. Tchrs. Assn.; Member, NY Bio. Tchrs. Assn. since 1927; member Dept. A-V Instruction, NEA. Member, PhiDelta Kappa, education research fraternity.

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