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Dr. William C. Gibson
Chairman
Universities Council of
British Columbia
Vancouver, Canada V5Z1K1

Dear Dr. Gibson:

I was delighted to hear from Joshua Lederberg that you accepted membership on the Rockefeller University Council. Your participation will add distinction to our efforts aimed at broadening awareness of the University's role as one of the world's outstanding biomedical research and educational centers; and I am certain you will enjoy, as I have, the insight which the periodic Council meetings provide into current scientific developments.

We plan to issue an announcement of your appointment to be distributed through our Public Affairs Office to newspapers, journals and other publications. For this purpose, I would appreciate your sending a glossy photograph and biographical sketch to Mr. John Lubbe, Executive Secretary of the Council, at the above address. If you have any special instructions concerning newspapers, professional journals, or other publications which you might wish added to the media list for announcement, please let Mr. Lubbe know.

We look forward to seeing you at the Council meeting on January 28. A detailed agenda and other pertinent material concerning the meeting are being sent to you under separate cover. We intend to distribute copies of your article, "The Cost of Not Doing Medical Research," at that session. The article is one of the most lucid discussions of the subject I have ever read, and I think the poliomyelitis connection is a particularly appropriate example to illustrate why people ought to view support for medical research not as a charity but as an investment that is in everyone's interest.

Joshua Lederberg joins me in extending a warm welcome to the Rockefeller University Council. We are looking forward to what promises to be a most productive and stimulating friendship.

Cordially yours,

James A. Linen III
Chairman
The Rockefeller University Council

cc: Dr. Joshua Lederberg ✓

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