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CAMP DETRICK
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Medical Bacteriology Division

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Dr. Joshua S. Lederberg
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We are considering Dr. K. C. Atwood for a position in our Bacterial Genetics group and he has given your name as a reference. This is the position occupied by Dr. Werner Braun while he was at Camp Detrick.

Will you please give me a very frank appraisal of Dr. Atwood as an independent investigator in the field of Microbial Genetics? May I also have your opinion regarding his emotional maturity and stability, reliability, his ability to organize work and think independently, and his ability to work with others?

The position for which we are considering him involves overall responsibility for several other persons in addition to his own research program.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RILEY D. HOUSEWRIGHT
Chief, MB Division

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