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Dear Professor Lederberg:

It has been long since I wrote to you last and heard of the research program in the Research Center of Molecular Medicine, which would be held in 1965.

If you would be kind enough to let me know how the planning or your research activities about nervous proteins in connection with mental retardation is getting along, I would appreciate it.

In Japan there is no medical research institute for mental retardation, but there are some classes for mentally retarded children in the educational system. So, we are now laying a plan for the foundation of the research institute for mental retardation in Kumamoto University. One of our planners, Professor Toshiro Murata, is now working with Professor J. H. Quastel in Montreal, Canada.

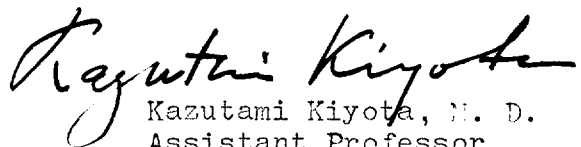
I believe that you are supreme among those who are interested in the introduction of molecular biology into the field of Neuropsychiatry, and that your farsighted advice and suggestions will greatly help us to encourage and further our research activities.

I still have a desire to learn advanced techniques and ideas in your laboratory. If there is no research position for me in your institute, would you please introduce me to any other laboratory which seems to suit with my research interest?

I would greatly appreciate it if you would do me a favor.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely



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