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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Josh:

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This is to let you know that I met Dr. Joe Lien in Washington at the International Congress of Chemotherapy. We had lunch with Dr. Hamao Umezawa and Dr. Yukimasa' Yagisawa. Apparently the problem is this: According to these gentlemen, there is not too much interest in the problem of scientific information or information science in Japan on the part of the scientific community. Consequently, there would not be any spontaneous desire on their part for me to present lectures on the subject. It was, therefore, suggested that the best way to get things moving was for you or people like Harold Urey, etc. to make such suggestions to high officials in Japan. If you feel you can justify the time, could you write an appropriate letter to one of your Japanese colleagues who might be willing to get things moving. Apparently it is absolutely essential that one have invitations before arranging such a trip.

I am planning to come to the West Coast to attend the AAAS meeting and perhaps give one or two ASCA-SCI seminars. Will you be available for a good working session with me on any day between Monday, December 27, to Thursday, December 30--preferably on Monday or Tuesday?

Among other things, the main purpose of our meeting would be to discuss in detail my ideas on a combination daily newspaper of science and scitel-type of depository system. I will probably telephone you some time between now and my trip to give you some preliminary food for thought.

At this meeting we can also discuss the types of problems raised in your last letter to me concerning the use of cards in the ASCA system.

Here's an amusing personal note--Hilary Koprowski's son is one of my students. He takes my seminar course on Information Retrieval at the University of Pennsylvania.

Best wishes to Esther.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Garfield, Ph.D.
Director

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