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Dr. Milton O. Lee, Executive Officer
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Dear Dr. Lee:

I am honored to be included among those whose letters will be placed in the cornerstone of the new building at Beaumont.

I have been a member of the Federation since 1921 and, because I was President of the American Society of Biological Chemists in 1947, I also had the honor of serving as the Chairman of the Federation Board in that year. I have thus had an opportunity to be cognizant of its problems and its growth.

The problems have been largely surmounted as they have arisen. The growth of the Federation, on the other hand, has been inexorable and logarithmic. This has led to specialization and splintering, but withal, the Federation not only has survived, but has indeed prospered. The need for the Federation today is greater than at its inception.

If I may make a prediction, it is this: Within a decade, our constituent societies will have regional sections and annual regional meetings. The meetings of the Federation as a whole will be held biennially instead of annually and the program will be by invitation, on special topics of timely interest.

In my opinion, the Federation is, and will continue to be, the CONTINUUM OF BIOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL SCIENCES in the United States -- a role more important tomorrow, than it is today.

Sincerely yours,

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