Honorable Ezra Taft Benson  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.  

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have had called to my attention the fact that plans are presently under way to make a final determination of an appropriate site for a laboratory to study animal diseases.

It is my feeling, and I would highly recommend, that the Committee which has been appointed to study this site consider areas in northern New York State in the vicinity of Cornell University. As you well know, Cornell University is one of the outstanding universities of our nation, and has achieved international fame for its scientific research in the field of agriculture.

I have been informed that there is considerable progress being made for the establishment of a new Veterinary Medicine College at the University. Certainly it would seem highly desirable that the new Animal Disease Laboratory be located near a School of Veterinary Medicine.

The Cornell University area is readily accessible by every means of transportation, and I have been told that there are several desirable locations on which the new laboratory might well be built.

I sincerely hope that you will transmit to the Committee that has been established to select this site my suggestion that they give serious and full consideration to a location near Cornell University.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert M. Lehman  
United States Senate