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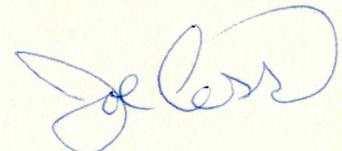
Professor Trinkaus,

I've finally selected a lab in which to do my thesis work and, coincidentally, it's a branch of the Trinkaus scientific family tree. I've joined the lab of John Pintar, who earned his Ph.D. under Jim Weston.

In a departure from my previous work on microtubules and contact inhibition, I'm looking into the developmental distribution and regulation of insulin-like growth factor binding proteins (IGF-BPs). I hope to do BP gene knock-out experiments in chimaeric mice to see if any nifty phenotypes will fall out. As I write, I am in the process of sequencing a mouse BP gene which I have cloned.

I also wish to thank you again for mentioning the MBL so much in your lectures and in our conversations when I was an undergrad. Had it not been for those comments, I perhaps would have ignored the course announcement I found in my mailbox, and not gone. As it was, I spent one of the most enjoyable and productive summers that I can recall at the MBL. Thanks again, and best wishes!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Cerro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Joe Cerro '89