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Dear Laria:

Your news about the ODT and the AAAS meetings came to me as a shock. I have talked it over with Payne, Cleland and Kinsey. Kinsey is furious with ODT and is all for fighting them and going on with the meetings. Cleland says that he had received no information as to possible cancellation, but that the number of papers submitted for the Botanical Society is about half the usual number, though those submitted are unusually good. He is in favor of going ahead until definite word to the contrary is received. But he thinks that Moulton and Snyder ought to be deluged with letters conveying the sentiments of the membership, particularly if a large group plans to stay away. He has heard that one of the hotels, the Allerton, which was supposed to be headquarters for the Genetics Society, has been taken over by the Navy. Payne is inclined to plan not to go if there is likely to be much absenteeism.

Kinsey, Cleland and I are all slated for various symposia and so we have no alternative but to plan to go until there is a definite cancellation. I am also planning to give a demonstration at the Genetics Society and, since I must have all charts and slides ready before I leave here for the East on the 16th, I must of necessity go ahead now as if the meetings will be held. I sure will be sore if they are called off, because I could have profitably used this time for preparation of papers for publication otherwise.

I am glad to hear your paper is in the invitation program. Apparently mine was not considered good enough. I'd be curious to know who made the selection, for I honestly thought my paper was the most important I have ever offered, and in past years, when I didn't think the contributions nearly so significant, they were always selected for the invitation program. Well, that's the way it goes.

I appreciate the reaction you say Demerec gave to the possibility of my coming to Cold Spring. I'd like very much to have a chance to get discussion and criticism of my new material before I present it at Cleveland (if the meetings are held), and I may therefore run out to Cold Spring for a day or two and talk it over with any who will listen. I arrive in Philadelphia August 17th and have some business to transact in New York, so I shall plan to try to get to Cold Spring on the 20th or 21st.

If you find out from Snyder or others any further news, let me know. Give my best regards to my friends at Carnegie.

Yours,

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