Dear Joshua, Jan 20, 1954

this is to tell you that we are still in New York and shall leave tomorrow by TWA plane. As I had anticipated, my Milan director asked me to stay over a few more days to get him information on polyo. I shall therefore be able to reply more fully your letter only from Italy.

I have ~~also~~ seen Szybalski in New Brunswick a few days ago. His experiments are apparently ~~irreproducible~~ with any sample of streptomycin or dihydrostreptomycin ~~other~~ than the one he has originally employed, ~~as~~ and of which he has still only a small amount left. The active sample is Merck's streptomycin 1948. However, Norton has been able to reproduce the experiment in salmonella with some kind of streptomycin he has (not all = dihydro does not work). Szybalski has not tested his "induced" St^R for allelism to the "spontaneous" one; his data on segregation are probably not decisive as he has apparently not tested linkage with Mal. I shall make some crossings with his "induced" St^R.

All the best to you & Esther from the both of us,

Yours Luca