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Dear Joshua – I thought I should write personally about the Orskovs. My only contact with them was 2 weeks association in the laboratory in Copenhagen. They are very personable and agreeable young people and I think it would do Frits Orskov a lot of good to work in the U.S. for a year or more. So far as I am aware all of his training has been obtained in Denmark and a year in this country would be a very broadening experience. I know of no one else you could get who would be well versed in E. coli serology.

For some time I had the idea that Orskov was more or less of a scientific dilettante – this from many things Kauffmann told me. However, if he was I believe he has found himself and worked out of that attitude. For some time Kauffmann had trouble with him but he has come around until Frits has great faith in him and has told me that eventually Orskov shall have the International Escherichia Center and Ida Orskov the International Salmonella Center. If he has changed his mind about these decisions he has not told me. I believe this indicates that Kauffmann has faith in both of them.

How hard they would work, I cannot say. I have no reason to believe that they would, or would not, be hard workers. I imagine that if they were placed in an environment where everyone worked very hard that they would conform. I am rather confident that you would have no personality difficulties with either of them, as they seem to be a very nice young couple.

The girls went back to Univ. of Ky yesterday morning and the house is very quiet.

Katherine joins me in sending best wishes and kind regards to you and Esther

As ever
Phil