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Dear Josh -

Heartiest congratulations upon your recent election to the National Academy of Sciences. With other "Botanists," I sincerely hope that you will elect to affiliate with the Botany Section & through it actively participate in the affairs of the Academy.

Individuals are elected to the Academy upon the basis of their contributions to science; nevertheless, it may interest you to know that you are one of the youngest biologists to receive this honor in many years. This in itself bespeaks the high regard in which your work is viewed by your colleagues - to try to add more would be superfluous.

The above was wonderful news - equally thrilling would be a report that you have decided to remain with us at Wisconsin! I cannot advise, but I can hope.

We had a "routine" and therefore very pleasant trip across, arriving in Paris an hour before schedule. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately) we landed here just at the beginning of the Easter recess; so, only now am I getting down to some solid work. But we have seen a lot of Paris during the interim and we love it. Everyone is most cordial, at the laboratory & in our daily life about the city.

The Romans returned yesterday from Spain - The Bonners from Morocco, etc, etc. The Ephrussis are fine & send their congratulations & warm regards.

With every good wish to Ester & you

Ken & Louise

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