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Dear Joshua,

Thank You for your notes. I had not replied to your March 18th letter because I felt the heterozygote story was too complicated to be discussed by mail and thought it best to wait till C.S.H. when we would have the chance for long personal discussions. Hence I was very disappointed to learn upon my arrival in C.S.H. that you had decided not to come.

At present it seems at least to me that the HIR story is still horribly complicated both scientifically and personally and it would be very nice if it could be straightened out to the point of permitting free interchange of ideas and stocks. For this objective it would be nice if we could see each other personally some time in the not too distant future. I plan to return to the states in September as I must attend a protein crystallography meeting which begins at Caltech on Sept 20, 1953. I shall therefore be passing through the mid west sometime in the middle of Sept and shall stop several days in the Indiana Dunes to visit with my parents. If possible I should like to see you and if convenient for you, I would come to Madison for a day or so. If this proves inconvenient, the Christmas holidays are suitable for me as I shall probably return home for the holidays.

In Pasadena, I shall probably work with Bill Hayes on the F factor and shall probably continue along these lines upon his return to London. I am somewhat

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anxious to return to experimental work as the day by day routine of a crystallographer is not very exciting. I hope, however, to continue a mild interest in structural problems [redacted], especially the structure of RNA which I hope might break open the field of protein synthesis. At present I am trying to get a x-ray photograph of TMV RNA since this appears the best source of highly polymerized RNA in existence.

It was very nice to return to the states. Cold spring Harbor still remains for me the most pleasant place in the world to do nothing.

My best regards to Esther

Jim