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Dear Joshua,

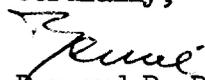
I am very grateful to you for the offer of hospitality at your department next year. It will be one year before my regular sabbatical is due, but I now have permission from our Dean to go ahead with the plan as discussed with you. I am now getting ready to apply for funds. Since it may be a burden for you to find office space for me, and since the Center seems definitely filled up, I would want to be sure that proceeding with this plan would not create too much of a burden. I just wrote to Luca, I would expect to be more a parasite than a collaborator, but I would of course try to be helpful in any area where my background would be useful.

If providing an office in your department would present a problem it might be worth exploring the possibility of an office in the library, if they are so set up, with a place where I could hang my hat and receive phone calls in your department.

Since I will not be a regular member of the Center I suppose it would be important to be officially appointed as a Visiting Professor or something like that at Stanford in order to be eligible for various local services and fringe benefits. There would, of course, be no financial obligation on the part of the University for salary, and I have funds that I could tap for secretarial expenses. I think of the title "Visiting Professor" primarily in connection with the credentials of the book that I am hoping to write, but if there are any objections at Stanford to appointing a Visiting Professor who does not plan to profess I have absolutely no involvement of my ego with the question of my title.

I look forward to hearing from you, and to spending much time with you next year.

Cordially,

  
Bernard D. Davis

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