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Dear Joshua, —

The great and splendid news of your election as Nobel Laureate came to my notice when I was about to return from a trip East. At the time I was too busy to compose a half-way meaningful congratulatory message to you and Esther. But I hoped to see you both at the Nat'l. Acad. meetings in Berkeley (the first I ever attended). This would have provided a good opportunity to tell you how utterly delighted I was that the international Scientific Community had bestowed its highest mark of recognition on you. It probably would not have required any more words than a telegram; but there would have been evidence of a different order of empathy in a face-to-face oral expression than can ever be conveyed by a telegraphic message, no matter how felicitously worded.

But you did not come to Berkeley; and thus, for the past ten days or so, I have been facing the problem of having to apologize for what may have appeared to you as a lack of responsiveness, and of trying to say how deeply gratifying this news was to me, in a manner that will be understood as implying far, far more than mere words on a piece of paper can express. This has become more difficult every day, because it involves the whole gamut of guilt feelings which, as an ex-Calvinist, I still suffer whenever I seem to have been neglectful. Thus I can only hope that this belated reaction to the wonderful news may still be acceptable to you both.

And let me add that it is <u>very good</u> to know that you'll soon be in our neighborhood, above all because this implies that you anticipate great and good things from your move to Stanford. I hope that your expectations will be fully realized; and I have no

doubt that the prospective cooperation with Arthur Kornberg and his group, as well as that with the many friends in Berkeley, will prove immensely stimulating and fruitful. It is also gratifying to know that Stanford's decision was made before this highest scientific honor was conferred upon you.

Dear Joshua and Esther, I am very pleased. May both of you long enjoy the many and diverse fruits of this eminently deserved recognition!

Yours, as ever,

Lee.