January 3, 1947.

Dear Francis,

Just to tie up the loose ends of our correspondence:

1) Beadle sent me a list of the unpublished theses. The only one worth bothering with very much is Hermione Grant's and Galston's or someone tells me it will soon be in print. I'm dropping the project therefore. Let me know if you still would like to see Beadle's list.

2) Too bad about the earlier 679-680. I'd forgotten about that element of the procedure.

3) Had a good talk with Dave, but think he is over-optimistic about being able to finish in a few months. Also think he is on the wrong track re crosses, and should endeavour to do them straightforwardly, in vivo or in vitro. Probably you don't really need a greenhouse! As far as contaminating other plants goes, no one here seems to think that would be a problem at all! Infection can only take place through the seed.

4) Dave told me about asparagine adaptation. Interesting.

5) I'll ask around about new chem graduates. Would you have a position suitable for John Reiner? What with Sol's bustup with Cori, John's looking for a job: I think he'd be very capable.

6) Ask Kim what he'd think of coming out here and getting down to some definite work.

7) Had a good time at Chicago. Wish we'd seen you there, but Dave has already told you all about it. Happy New Year.

John