March 3 1962 from Zh. A. Medvedev

Dear Dr Nirenberg:

Many thanks for your kind letter of January 26 and for the sending to me reprints and pre-print of your remarkable works in protein synthesis which I received yesterday and have read with great admiration. Your works together with Ochoa and Crick's publications on coding problem made a great impressions here and this connected with some reasons first of all - we have here rather influenced group of biologists and geneticists who for the very long time criticized and rejected the coding problem as non-scientific and idealistic (morganism-mendelism). You probably know about long and great discussion on heredity which was started by dysenko and which seemed to be permanent. The new experimental direct attack in coding problem - is a good basis for the settlement of this hard discussion. Therefore I see to this achivement not only as to the great discovery of natural sciences, but as to the important step which can make influence to the situation in genetics here and to improve this situation. Of course, I should be happy to receive information about the new results of this interesting work with best wishes and many thanks sincerely yours