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Dear Professor Bernal

This is just to tell you that heady at this early stage of my journey I have heard of 3 serious X-ray diffraction studies on TMV in progress in this country, and I should therefore like to write up and publish something on what I have done as soon as possible. Would you be happy about my doing this and sending it in without waiting for your return from China? It would be just on the lines of what I said in Paris, and probably the best thing would be a note to Nature for a start — I could have that ready by the time I get back to London. ~~A to~~ I think Acta Biochimica Biophysica would be the next place for a longer account of it.

A. Rich at Pasadena has taken photographs of the rod-shaped RNA-free TMV material, prepared at Berkeley following the work of Tsugita, and obtained something grossly resembling the normal TMV photograph.

My address during the next 2 weeks will be c/o Dr Harker at Brooklyn.

Yours sincerely

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