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Dear Professor Weber:

I am pleased to have your letter of 18 December, and to learn that you have asked the Unitarian Service Committee to invite me to Tübingen next summer. I have not yet received the invitation from Director Howard Brooks, in New York, but these administrative matters take time, and I expect that the invitation will arrive before long.

As to the question of speaking also in Hamburg or Kiel, I would say that I should be very pleased to do so. I have no objection to giving as many talks as can be fitted into the time of my visit, provided that they do not come too close together.

My wife and I are hoping to make an auto tour of parts of Europe, in connection with our trip to Germany and Sweden. We plan to buy a car in England, and to drive to Tübingen, probably from the coast in France. Then, after the symposium, we could drive up through Hamburg and Kiel, and ferry across to Denmark and then to Sweden. We probably shall drive back again, to France, and then come home by boat or air. In making plans we should, then, allow plenty of time for a leisurely auto trip between Tübingen and Hamburg. Although we lived in Germany for a year and a half, twenty-five years ago, I was very busy with my studies, and we did not have much opportunity to see the country; accordingly we are looking forward to the possibility of making this auto tour.

I have not been working on the structure of proteins during the last two months, but have instead concentrated on the problem of the structure of nucleic acids. Professor Corey and I have just sent off a paper, to be published in the February issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, in which we describe a structure for the Nucleic acids. I think that it is

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likely that all nucleic acids have the structure that we describe in this paper. It is a very complicated one, but it is precisely determined, and I think that it is correct.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Linus Pauling:W