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Fri

My dear Francis,

So glad to hear you are coming up. I would be very glad if you & Odile could come to dinner on Sat but there are snags as you know:

(a) To avoid exhausting Odile with shop could you come to the lab on Sat afternoon? And if you brought some nice young woman who has no interest in proteins or nucleic acid (e.g. Patsy might like to take the risk) with you & Odile to dinner this might prevent our degenerating into shop. The best safeguard is a really attractive young woman <u>and</u> this is why Odile does not quite fit the bill one who is unattached or at least unaccompanied

by her husband. Well so much for the evening.

(b) About staying the night I would be positively delighted but am a bit doubtful this weekend as I am in such a state of nervous exhaustion that I intend not waking up all Sunday which with the geometry of my flat makes visitors rather awkward. (I know this sounds awfully mean)

We have found apparently that d.n.a. (nucleic acid) does an α β keratin type of transition & are hot on the trail hot is the word & working till we drop. I can still stand up most of the time but cannot answer for what state I will be in on Saturday. Don't hope to recover a bit on Sunday

We have X rays, birefn, u.v dichroism, & much properties evidence ~~already~~ but don't mention it yet to anyone please. We hope for e.m. & i.r. evidence too. Love to Odile, clown with science,

M.