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Dear Joshua,

You will by now have received an invitation to participate in a Ciba Foundation Symposium. All of us here are hoping that you and Esther will be able to take advantage of this to visit this country en route for Australia. I hope this latter project came to fruition as you expected. Do'nt be put off by the title of the symposium. I think this is largely window-dressing (though this is not admitted), but I know that what they really want is a rather high-powered discussion about basic mechanisms of variation and adaptation which need not necessarily have any direct bearing on the question of drug resistance. If it will help you, here is a list of the other participants who have actually been asked to read a paper (there will be others, I expect): Cavalli, Davis, Demerec, Eagle, Hinshelwood, Hotchkiss, Pollock, Pontecorvo, Slominski, Stocker, Westergaard, Yudkin. ~~I do'nt know how many of these will accept, of course.~~ I have no idea how many of these will accept, but I hope you will. The main annual meeting of the SGM will be held in London about two weeks after this symposium, in case it seemed irrelevant and you did'nt note it when you received the notice. Luca is coming this week for a few days and will probably listen in to your latest tape which will be played at my house next Thursday; but I have'nt a very good microphone so ca'nt guarantee a reply. Bruce tells me you are sending reprints. Thanks. Since this is a medical school we regretably do not have either Genetics or PNAS. I am particularly interested in the paper with Morse on Gal transduction. Incidentally, a student of mine seems to have got hold of a drug-resistant variant of my Hfr strain which, while remaining genetically Hfr, can no longer cross with F- but can be crossed with another Hfr or F+. From what we have done this seems to be entirely a surface effect.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Hayes".