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Dear Dr. Sonneborn,

Sometime long ago I asked Dr. Luria to find out whether there might be a chance that you would accept an invitation from our Science Club at Vanderbilt to give us a talk on your recent work. I believe Luria fell ill before he had a chance to ask you, so I am taking the direct route. To tell the truth, which Luria can corroborate, the Vanderbilt Science Club is not a very exciting audience, but a trip to Nashville in the spring can be very pleasant, and I for one would be looking forward to a visit of yours with the keenest anticipation. Particularly since I read your recent papers (of which I had previously heard through the grapevine), did I feel that I would like to discuss several virus problems with you.

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Our meetings are ordinarily on Thursdays, and supposedly bi-weekly, but of late they have been so irregular that they might as well be any day that suits you. I understand that your semester ends early in May, while ours runs till June, so it might be that May would be most suitable for you. We have a fund to take care of travelling expenses of invited speakers.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

M. Delbrück

P.S. I would greatly appreciate receiving reprints of your papers. I presume that you have mine, through Luria.