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Dear Esther and Josh,

You have had a flood of mail, but none of it appears to me to require your immediate attention. I did give your itinerary to two people, G. L. Cantoni (who wants you to give a series of lectures in Bethesda) and George Klein. Klein's letter was very interesting and I couldn't resist reading it several times. For one thing he wants you to help him organize a program on transformation, transduction, and recombination for the International Congress of Microbiology in Stockholm in 1958, and of course to attend. The other point is that his mutation detecting system described in Nature a few months back (i.e., transplanting heterozygous tumors to parental hosts to give a selective advantage to mutants making the tumor homozygous) has worked 5 times, all to H-2; though with none to H-2.

Bowers told me that the application for a symposium in medical genetics has been approved by the granting agency.

We had an excellent talk and exciting discussion with Medawar. I'll tell you the details when you come back.

Enclosed is a copy of the action taken by the Department last week. We are having a meeting tomorrow for further discussion. Nothing else has happened to my knowledge.

I hope you are having some relaxation. Regards to you both.

Sincerely,

[ Signature ]