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Dear Jim:

To yours of the 3rd: I hardly know what to say about Wollman or Streisinger that you wouldn't know already or that Hal couldn't tell you. They are both outstanding people and Wollman of course has a brilliant record of experience. But I do think you would be wasting your time in going after Wollman since any interest he might have in settling in the U.S. is almost certainly going to be saturated at Berkeley if anywhere. Streisinger would be another story and in fact might very well be quite receptive to coming to Wisconsin. But don't expect a general biologist. However, he is as able a man in phage genetics as you could find anywhere and if you are now reconciled to going after a specialist, he should serve very well. You might learn as much more as you need to by a personal interview. He is, I think, spending one more year at Cold Spring Harbor.

I hate to tantalize you (do you believe this?) but our own climate has been all it has been cracked up to be during the last few weeks. In fact it's about time that we have some rain.

I hope the cartons will have arrived for sending out the rest of my reprint collection.

Yours as ever,

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