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Dear Bernie:

To yours of the 25th.

Looking over my schedule again I think that November 20 should be a quite satisfactory date, and in fact it gives me rather more time to repent my hasty choice of a lecture topic. Please let me know right away how this suits you so I can make some other arrangements too.

The title I would propose for the lecture is "Genes and Antibodies" and I would suggest a subtitle "Genetic Models of Immunity and Differentiation". This will be something of a review of the proposals that have been made to date, especially for antibody formation. Since it may have to include large doses of microbial genetics and immunology perhaps the content will not be entirely inapt for a department of your description.

I don't know how detailed your publicity is going to be but just to forestall a possible error, Jim Crow has already taken over as Chairman of the Medical Genetics Department here. My appointment at Stanford does not take effect until next spring and my title there would be Professor in the School of Medicine.

Our tentative program (assuming Esther comes along) will be to arrive Boston on Wednesday evening, the 19th, to visit Boston and the vicinity on the 20th staying over the night, and probably to meet my brother Seymore sometime on the 21st for departure via Providence.

Sincerely yours,

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