My dear Letter and Joshua — I'm off to Missouri in the morning and wanted to write you before I left. The Missouri trip has been all foolscap — reservations cancelled and remake with difficulty, failure of teaching materials to arrive in Jefferson City, inability to find out what was expected of me or how much time I was to allocate. Finally, I found out in Detroit that I was expected to conduct a whole day-long workshop. Had I known earlier I would have planned it much better. They will just have to take it as it comes out without much preparation. I think it will not be too bad.

The meetings were quite interesting. I had quite satisfactory conversations with W.P. Starr in re-entries and soft rot organisms, with L. T. Erlandson about fluorescent antibody in soft rot organisms and with Dr. Bitter about phage. I have more work in mind than I can ever get done. We have some interesting results with a glucose test which rapidly heparinizes VP + bugs. Too soon to say what they mean. I'm sending them to Starr for comparison with soft rot types.

The lunches which we discussed will be ready in about 1 week. After we have done absorptions I'll send them along provided the factors are strong. If they are not we must have to figure out something else. We must yet have an opportunity to look over the groups B + D for monophages and mononules but we as soon as I return.

I want to thank you once more for all your kindness and to apologize for having taken so much of your time. About this I feel really guilty.

I cannot tell you how very much I enjoyed my visit both personally and from the standpoint of our talks about bugs. I feel that I now have a much clearer idea of what is going on in your labs.

Again, many thanks for everything and best regards and best wishes to both of you.

As ever, Phil