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Dear Joshua,

*we take it you are writing to my mother
from Italy - then Aug 3/60*

Thank you for your letter. We shall enter via New York and note what you have said about housing and cars. The lack of interest on the part of our children for America is, I think, only a consequence of the fact that they are used to consider the summer by the seaside as the best part of the year and they don't like to leave the certain for the uncertain. I agree it may be a consequence of the conservative education they get in Europe.

An opportunity such as the one suggested in the paper ~~cut~~ ^{copy} sent by Esther seems interesting. I do not mind spending up to 250 dollars for lodgings, especially if it means something really attractive, perhaps nearer to the lab and with an extra room that can be used as a study and left in complete disorder without hurting Alba's feelings too much.

I am getting worried about the impossibility of smoking in your department. Is there any place in it where smoking is tolerated?

*any place of course to go to
but I don't know if it is possible*

I am enclosing a list of books and journals useful for the course which I assume you have; if not I think it worthwhile for your lab to get them. If you do not get them let me know.

Alba asks me to tell Esther that espadrilles will be on the market only at the end of May. What is available now is unsatisfactory. Shall we airmail them or take them with us?

I am committed here at present in several ways and I will not plan anything on Syntex or Holden-Day. Thanks for the tip anyhow.

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Re. Interist, Giovanni thinks that it may be better from a bureaucratic point of view to include reimbursement of your expenses in the general grant rather than the travel grant. Therefore submit your annual amount directly to us and we will deal with it.

^{Zeller,} D.D.T. Resistance. We have now discussed with ~~Sella~~ and Scossiroli and there should be no major problems for including a programme of the kind. We don't have D.D.T. resistant *Drosophila* but it is easy to get them and we can also get locally D.D.T. resistant strains of house flies. We may perhaps discuss in more detail the programme in the summer. The programme, will, however, suffer from the block which presently hinders all fluorination activities, namely the fact that we haven't yet been able to get a copy of the Handbook of Fluorination.

We are looking forward to visiting Stanford and we ask for some tips on the expected temperature and weather. *was in 1971*

All the best,

Yours,

Luca

Encl.