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24/6/60

Dear Joshua,

I am enclosing a schedule of our trip, which is still *probably* subject to some change. Apparently Mexico is booked up because I could not get the reservations I wanted. In particular it was difficult to fly from Mexico City to SFO on the 5th, and the only sure reservation in my hand is the one given in the schedule. As it arrives at impossible hours, we plan to stay in San Francisco for the night, and call you in the morning from the hotel (at some time like 8 a.m.) ~~af~~. However, it is very likely that, once in Mexico City, we shall be able to get a better plane for the ~~day~~ 5th or the 6th.

I think that if you can plan a meeting with the students, for organizational purposes, for the afternoon of the 7th, it will be practically certain that I shall be there, because I will give up my present reservation only if I can ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ get an earlier one. In particular I am waitlisted for a flight on the 6th via Los Angeles, getting to SFO on 5 p.m. approx. I will cable you from Mexico City as soon as I shall know.

As it seems that we shall have to leave Merida sooner than I wanted, and Mexico City later than wanted, I should have time to meet Mr. Djerassi. If you had any opportunity of telling him that I would like to pay him a short visit, I would appreciate it.

I will have with me Interist reports, past and present, and will tell you of the several reasons for delay. Some of the nice programmes are starting (the lag in these things is always an incredible one) and, I hope, ^{that} in the end, ~~that~~ almost everything will be done.

I am apologetic for having been such a bad correspondent; especially in these last two-three months, my activity has been frantic. I am looking forward to ~~my~~ ^{the} visit to Stanford, among other reasons, for the possibility of working without being in a turmoil.

I hope the delay will not affect the course. It should not, as I found at Pavia that with 20 lectures one can ~~give~~ ^{obtain} a pretty good coverage of the field. If the students are willing, we can do more than three lectures a week (at least for some week). But the real problem is how much mathematics the students are willing to absorb (or tolerate). If, as likely, this amount is small, there is no point in giving much more than twenty lectures. In such a case in fact there is no hope of proving the theorems, or explaining the methods at length ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~, except for the really fundamental ones.

See you again at Stanford !

Yours Luca



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P.S. May I ask you a favor ? Put a small amount of shikimic acid in an envelope and send it airmail to Barbara Fargie, Genetics Dept., Pavia. She needs some for her work and we have not managed to find it in Italy. I will order it from the States, but meanwhile if she could have a little amount she could go on working.

L. Cavalli-Sforza's
Itinerary

Milano	p. 10.50	26/6	A Z 224	
Frankfurt	a. 12:30 15:00	"	TW 701	
New York	a. 19.55	(Idl)		Abbey Hotel, 151 W 51st St. New York, N.Y.
New York	p. 15.30	29/6	CU 999	
Habana	a. 19.45	"		Passenger MX 310, C. ia Mexicana de Aviacion, 105 Calle 23 Vedado Habana (Cuba).
Habana	p. 16.00	30/6	MX 310	
Mérida	a. 16.55	"		Hotel Mérida, Mérida (Mexico).
Mérida	p. 17.30	2/7	MX 310	
Mexico City	19.55	"		Hotel Francis, Mexico D.F. (Mexico).
Mexico C.	p. 18.45	6/7	WA 794	
S. Francisco	2.05	7/7		c/o Prof. J. Lederberg Dept. of Genetics, Stanford University Medical Center Palo Alto, Calif. (U.S.A.) (Telef. Istituto: DA-1-1200 Ext 5052)
S. Francisco	p. 10.15	30/8	TW 807	
	a. 8.30	31/8		
Parigi	p. 10.40	"	AZ 323	
Milano	a. 12.25			