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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Symposium on "Mechanisms of Immunological Tolerance"

The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences readily agreed to our proposal to hold an international symposium on "Mechanisms of Immunological Tolerance" in 1961 which would be timed in relation to the symposium on "Transplantation" organized by the Ciba Foundation in London, November 1961, to provide an opportunity for more detailed discussion of various questions. It was agreed in advance with Professor Medawar (the Ciba Foundation Symposium is being organized on his suggestion) to discuss some problems at the London Symposium and some problems in Prague in the manner that a duplicity would be excluded and on the contrary, the two Symposia would form one broader whole.

Membership to the symposium on mechanisms of immunological tolerance will be limited to a maximum of 50. We shall be very pleased and interested to receive offers of contributions regarding such questions as :

- induction of tolerance in embryos and newborn animals;
- tolerance-like phenomena in adults (involving immunological paralysis, radiation-induced tolerance, antigen overloading, Sulzberger-Chase phenomenon, exhaustive sensitization, enhancement);
- the fate of antigen in unresponsive organisms;
- partial tolerance;
- specificity of tolerance.

The programme of the symposium is, however, not limited by the above-mentioned subjects and other suggestions will be appreciated. The communications presented may include either the most recent experimental findings of one's own work or may follow more general views and deal with attempts of a theoretical interpretation of the phenomena of immunological tolerance and unresponsive states in a broader sense. We would like to accomplish that this symposium should deal with the present state of the questions mentioned above and arrive to conclusions in the form of working hypotheses which would open new approaches to further experimental analysis.

I am now writing to invite you to be a member of the symposium which will be held on Wednesday, 8th, Thursday, 9th, and Friday, 10th November, 1961, at the House of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Liblice, in the vicinity of Prague. The symposium will follow the style of five to six half-day sessions over the three days and ample time will be allowed for discussion of the papers presented. It is necessary to have a full text of the presentations to the end of August 1961 at the latest so that each member of the symposium could receive copies of the speakers' papers in advance. The complete record of the communications including discussions will be published in the form of a monography on the symposium, in English.

The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences will expect that you will be guest of the Academy during your stay in Czechoslovakia. The funds available for this purpose being limited, I regret that your travelling expenses cannot be provided for, but I hope that it will be possible for you to cover them from other sources.

I would very much appreciate your personal participation and hope that you will find it possible to come and take an active part in this symposium, in November 1961. I would be grateful for an early reply to this invitation indicating at the same time a tentative title of your paper.

I look very much forward to hearing that you will be with us on this occasion. In the near future, I shall send you full details of the programme and the participants.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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