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Dr. Milan Hašek  
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Dear Doctor Hašek:

I am most grateful to you for your letter of January 7 and its invitation to participate in the Symposium in Prague next November. I have to express some regrets on two counts: (1) that I do not know what concrete contribution I can make in this field apart from that of theoretical criticism in the discussion and (2) my plans for this fall are rather disorganized and while it is not impossible that I might be in Europe at the time of the Symposium, there is also some possibility of an explicit conflict in program. For these reasons, I regret that I am not able to make an explicitly favorable reply to your invitation.

I hope, however, that you will be prepared to consider the following alternative for representation from this Department. Dr. G. J. V. Nossal will be completing a period of work here this fall and expects to be returning to Melbourne, Australia via Central Europe in late October and early November. I believe that it would be most appropriate for you to include his name in your invitation in my place, as I am sure you will find his recent experimental studies on the cellular features of immunity and of tolerance to be of utmost interest and relevance. I am also communicating with Professor Medawar to give him the same information in hopes that a coherent program will be possible.

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

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*Suggested London before Prague would be best.*

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