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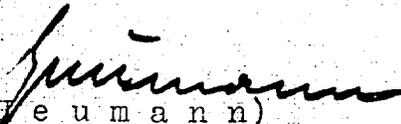
Dear Professor Lederberg,

I beg to thank you for your letter of August 30th, and am very glad to be able to inform you to-day that the scholarship has at last been granted by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; I make my preparations to start for Madison as soon as possible. Before I can tell you the exact date of my departure, I have to find out first, at which time the colleague who is to take my place can begin his work here, and secondly, for which steamer I shall succeed to book the passage. I am sure that there will arise no difficulties whatever, and I hope to arrive at Madison at the end of November or at the beginning of December. That would mean a time of 5 or 6 months for close cooperation, and I hope to learn enough during this time, to be able to go on working by myself whilst you will be absent from Madison. However, that will turn out if our work is in full swing. As a matter of fact I want to push ahead first my investigations on bacterial sexuality before resuming the experiments on nitrogen fixation, in order to avoid getting scattered.

I have informed Dr. Ørskov that I shall arrive in Madison 1 or 2 months later, and I suppose that even then we can still realize our plan, jointly to rent a house with two flats. In this case there would be no difficulties for my wife to care for Ørskov's little daughter, thus enabling Mrs. Ørskov to work as well.

At this occasion I want to thank you very much for sending me a copy of the publication on "Conjugal pairing in E. coli". The promising result of these investigations seems to prove that I am on the right path as to the continuation of my scientific work, and I am very much indebted to you for having enabled me to choose this path.

I am very sincerely Yours


(Heumann)