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Dear Josh:

I am writing you with one foot out of the country, as you can see from the attached copy of my itinerary. This is to thank you for your very kind letter which you wrote to me upon your return from Japan and which I appreciate very much. I barely read your letter when it became misplaced during the current housecleaning and therefore I wonder if you could replace it by sending me a duplicate of your office copy for my file. There were some interesting points which you made, if I recall, about my application for a grant and I would like to be able to read them again and analyze them carefully. In the meantime, I want to thank you and Esther for the news which we had from you while you were on your fascinating trip to Japan. I am also anxious to relate to you the fact that I had a project site visit in connection with my application for support but do not expect any notification about the fate of my application until the end of July, at which time I will be in Europe and not quite ready to return until after Labor Day. It is admittedly difficult for me to jeopardize previous commitments for the sake of new ones, no matter how attractive, especially if their realization is so very indefinite. I found it preferable to accept an appointment as short-term consultant to WHO and will spend the month of July in Geneva. I will also attend the International Cancer Congress in Moscow and will then have some well deserved vacation with my family in Europe. This means, unfortunately, that I would not be initiating any pilot studies, which would have prepared a nice introduction to the major research program connected with cytologic predictability of mental deficiency until such time as I will be back and know that my research will have adequate support. I just hope very much that Dr. Dorfman, who might be counting on my having already started to collect blood and urine samples for him, is not going to be terribly disappointed when he comes back from his European trip to find that I took my turn traveling. This is, however, the best planning I have been able to do in the circumstances to do justice to all people and problems concerned.

Should you wish to contact me for any reason, note that Geneva in the month of July is the best point to get word to me. With affectionate regards from all of us to you and Esther,

Cordially, *Joseph E. Imbriglia*

*Koprowska*