Jan 27

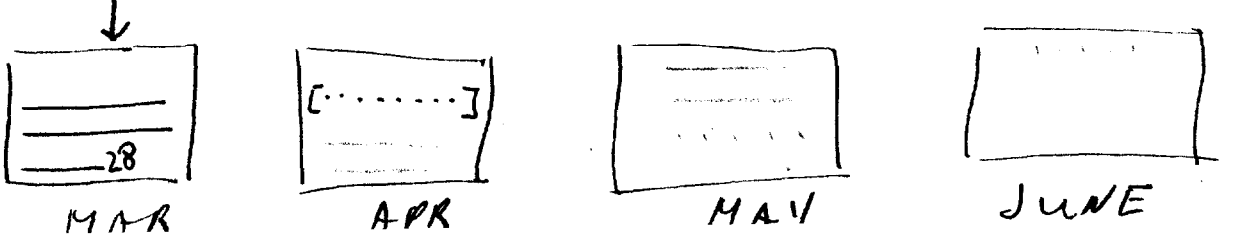
Dear Jack:

Sorry for the probably unforgivable delay in getting an answering letter to you — That things have been somewhat hectic and busy is the only excuse. I'll try and take the various points currently under consideration up one at a time —

(1) If Spring (or late winter) is still a possibility for you, in view of Polio Conference (hope you can be there!) how would March, April, and May be for you — As I told you, I'll be away the last 2 weeks of Feb, and a large part of March (probably 18 to 28 or 29), but only the 8–14 of April, and here is by present plans, from then through until the middle of June (no plans to go to CSN).

(2) ~~Here~~ Since I will be much less busy later in spring with other responsibilities, if you could come in March, taking some time for the trip, and getting settled here, getting equipment ready etc — April and May would be almost completely free for me, and early June, unless you have to trip or be back in Madison.

Arr. March 26 Lv April 26.
Lv. March 15.



(3) During Summer, except for last 2 weeks of June, and one probable trip East in August, it should be free for me.

(4) Summers at PG are out for me for several reasons: (a) too cold and foggy (b) PhD theses to supervise this summer, final writing etc. (c) PG is usually a mad-house, with v Niel course, hard to find lodging, etc -

(5) Optical equipment — Several types of Research scopes available — Spencer - Leitz, some with wide field oculars, built in light, calibrated stage etc -

Phase equipment - (a) our cytologist has good set, dark field, Giese has some optics, as does Twitty, but only one not in use is a Spencer centerable turret-phase condenser, with (4) matched set of dark M (edium) objectives, 10, 20, 43 + 97X. We have spencer scope to mount it, but need an ortho-illuminator or special mirror (latter on order). Any of these could be used, and the Spencer set for exclusive use.

(6) On finances (a) with your approval I am (or will) submit a project proposal to the local ACS Institutional Cancer Grant committee (I'm a member) for $1200. ~~(b)~~ Approval is practically assured in advance (b) If you'd give a few special lectures (2-3) or equivalent, some dept. funds for guest lectureships could be available too ($500)

(7) Laura and a new student (Jim Wilson) are exploring micromanipulator + scopes etc - with special ref. to heterocaryosis etc - and are going to try injection of microconidia into smaller hyphae and for perithecia etc - So some equipment will be somewhat lined up soon -

To sum up - in general, late Spring would be better than Summer, for me - I'll leave it up to you to make decision according to your schedule - either would be O.K. Or fall, if neither Spring nor Summer seems good for you -

Let me know so I can send in application (due middle of Feb) - and start making other definite arrangements.

Best to Esther + yourself!

yours

Ed