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Dear Fa:

I realize that we owe all the family a letter, but the special occasion for this letter is to ask your advice, Fa.

You may know, and probably do, from Howard and/or from others, that Western Reserve Univ. is looking for a biochemist for the med. school. Dr. Wearn asked me to visit them to look the situation over. On the basis of quite optimistic and favorable reports from Dr. Long here, I did so this week, and have just come back. I only spent a day there, but met all the dept. heads but Dr. Wiggers who was out of town. The others impressed me quite well, but I'd like your opinions both on the men (Wearn, Welch, Karsner, Haerr, McKhann and Wiggers) and on the med. school in general or specific.

The financial, physical, and as far as I could judge from the superficial brief survey, the potential situations seem quite good - dept. budget of 50,000/yr for 10 yrs 10,000 for equipment the first year, and a free hand with all appointments in the department. The budget, however is to cover all salaries, including the head's (of 10,000!). Apparently Cori & Richards gave me good recommendations and I can have it if I am interested.

I don't know yet what counterproposals

may be made, and I'm not going to decide anything in a hurry. But any background or other information you can give would help in evaluating the situation in comparison with that here.

There isn't much of a research budget here this year, but it will be better next year, and we are almost assured of Res. Corp. & Rock. Found. support to around 12,000/yr. Also within 3 yrs. Yale expects to put up & equip a $2,000,000 plant science building – in which microbiology (& biochem.) will have quite adequate provisions.

The main objections to moving to W.R., & the main advantages to Yale are: the great superiority of the Univ. as a whole here, the predominantly medical environment at W.R., and the responsibility for med. biochem. teaching there. As far as research goes, the attitude seems to be very satisfactory at W.R. – but you undoubtedly know as much or more about it than I do.

Now, how are all of you? Whats the latest news from Fred? We enjoyed H's. visit here very much – and wish that the rest of the family could come sometime. We'd love to have you for Xmas. Could you come?

We had a fine, windy, snow storm this week, and the girls have had a fine time playing in the snow. We found some ice-skates for Peggy, which please her very much indeed! Later there will be skating on a pond near our house, now its on an indoor rink in N.H.

Love to all –

Col. J—, Peggy – Bach