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Dear Lewis:

I was happy to hear from Igor Tamm that you will be able to participate in the colloquium on October 5 commemorating the 100th birthday of Peyton Rous. This is to extend my own personal invitation not only to the colloquium but to an informal luncheon that day.

I am enclosing a brief outline of the program for your guidance. There will be no printed program, but it would be helpful to have in advance a sentence or two from you summarizing your presentation. I hope the October gathering will recapture the same tone of informality, nostalgic warmth, and spirited scientific exchange that marked the colloquium earlier this year on the 35th anniversary of the publication of the DNA paper by Avery, MacLeod, and McCarty.

Thank you for joining us.

Cordially,

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