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HOPKINS MARINE STATION

PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Josh:

As you may remember, I mentioned during the deliberations concerning the next WESTEX meeting that I'd be away for the week of April 19-26. As a consequence it was decided that I should make reservations before leaving here, and that I was to be notified by the prospective participants as to their needs for hotel or motel accommodations by April 15.

Aaron Novick is the only one who wrote, on April 15th, that he and Jane are coming. Perhaps it was a mistake on my part to make the "deadline" for notifications April 15th – everyone may have been busy with income tax returns. It is also possible that everybody who intends to come wants to take care of hotel or motel reservations upon arrival, and on the spot. Unfortunately, at this stage I don't have the time to write to the prospective participants, asking whether they need prior reservations, nor shall I be in a position to do so while I'm away.

I'll be back here (D.V.) by April 27, and hope to find instructions by then, and from everybody who needs reservations. It should be time enough to make them on that day or the next.

The meeting can be held in our library (on a Sunday there will be nobody around to interfere). But we don't have recording equipment, and

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it would be advisable to let me know what - if anything - I should try to get for the occasion.

We <u>could</u> go and have lunch at the "Fish-and-Steak-House", only ½ mile from the lab. But this may call for a reservation. And if you think that it would take too much time away from the conference, I could probably arrange to have sandwiches etc. brought in.-

Had a fine visit with Sneath a week ago.-

Very best, also to Esther,

As ever

Rees.