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Dear Jim:

Your note much appreciated. Indigisista makes quite a pun, or did I misunderstand its meaning?

I just had a letter from Seymour, and it seems to me that your both coming down to meet us is too much of a good thing, especially at that hour of the morning. We are going to be visiting Berkeley quite a few times in the next several months, and we are going to wear out our welcome if you exert yourself too far. We would count it a special favor if you would arrange between yourselves for one of you to meet us, and another to bring us back, when weleave Tuesday night. You really are too kind.

We are making a slight change of plan, that is to leave Madison just one day earlier, so we arrive at San Francisco airport on flight UA541 early Friday morning, instead of Saturday. Otherwise, all's the same.

Now, the plane is scheduled to arrive at 0530, but like as not it will be a little late. Further, we would just as soon wash up, rest up, and have a spot of breakfast at the airport before we face anyone, and I also have to make some arrangements about trans-shipping. Unless the flight is delayed, may we count on looking for you or Seymour no earlier than 0700 either at the restaurant or the PAA counter?

I'm sending Darlington's book by separate mail—thanks very much. It was too irritating in its dogmatism for me to finish it in one attack; I'll have to get around to it later on.

From the gist of your remarks I gather there won't be much occasion for concrete discussion of lab plans. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I'll assume as much for this trip. Maybe we can do more in November on our way back, if we do return via Westcoast rather than round-the-world. We're still toying with the idea of going back via India and Europe, but not as enthusiastically as had been. I've been formally invited (and accepted) to serve as a 'vice-president((i.e. a paid attendant) at the International Congress of Microbiology at Stockholm in August '58: we thought to attend the Genetics Congress at Montreal on the way back. All this travelling and meetings is (I hope) very much out of character for us— probably our just deserts for having been so negative about them during the last few years. If our moving date were about Sept. 1 '58, I would hope our formal appointments could be arranged for August 1, so that we'd be spared the embarrassment of asking the 'favor' of this additional off-campus leave as our last dealing Before leaving. This is one of the details we'll have to talk about. In stressing 'medicine' in my last letter I was thinking mainly of organisational developments. Medicine and Agriculture are both the applications of Biology, and it seems fairly obvious that a better balance of support for fundamental biological research from both angles is coming about.

Yours,

Joshua