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Dear Marshall:

I just learned that you lost your father quite suddenly and I wanted to tell you how sorry I feel about it. It must be especially difficult after your mother's death too. Funny thing about couples: that seems to happen fairly often.

There are new things too which, of course, helps, and I'm sure being married makes it somewhat easier to bear. How is Perla?

A guess things in the lab must be fantastically interesting now. It's funny to experience them at so great a distance, but spiritually, I'm there in some way.

We're well settled and enjoying France immensely. The lab is new, quite well equipped and the people are very nice. I haven't quite decided on a problem and am finishing up those expts that Arnie did with some interesting results.

I may try the same thing on Nirman's particle. He's out here in Sept and almost every day Monod, Cohen, and Lennox come out — so people now believe in him.

His system is one in which people want to do in vitro genetics which apparently can be done.

I'll try to learn it + bring it back.

Also may work on transformation. Not since yet but I'll let you know.

Millicent is inspired by the scenery & has finished 3 or 4 paintings.

Leslie is in French school but not too happy yet since she can't speak with the kids.

I get in to the Pasteur fairly often but not often enough although I've had a couple of discussions c̄ Monod but not yet c̄ Jacob.

Anyway, my best wishes to you + Perla

Give my regards to all thereabouts.

As ever

Gordon