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Dear Curt -

Thanks for your good news from Columbia - but I have good news too. I got a telegram last night from Harold Cuyler stating that I got the Suggenheim fellowship at \$1,800. Emerson wrote to them stating I would take \$1,800 with the board paying my traveling expenses. I have not received their letter which was sent to Cornell but it will come sometime this week. In the mean time I had written to the National Research Council asking for a three month extension of my present fellowship. I think, therefore, that I am all set for another year and pleasantly so. I shall let you know details as soon as I know them. I applied to begin my fellowship in October. I shall probably see you then sometime in October -

You missed some exciting time around here with the earthquake giving us all the "fitters" (ask Evelyn for the definition). Darlington, Miss Richardson, Jack Pellety and I were all on the third floor of the building when it

commenced. I had been waiting for it ever since I was aware that one was expected in this region and knew exactly what was occurring the second it commenced. The building shook strenuously and the rattle of the building added to the war sent up from the earth vibrations was startling to say the least. I made lightning time to get to the first floor. Nearly everyone else seemed rooted to their positions so unexpected and astounding. <sup>was the reason</sup> The next day I got the big laugh for me double quick time and was invited to try for the sprouts in the next Olympic games. We had over 200 minor shocks in the next 24 hours. They have continued ever since with quite a lead one yesterday morning. Sunday night both Sterling and I felt dizzy from the continual shaking of the building. The later quakes rolled the building & with a sensation similar to a rolling ship. At 10:30 while we could not be sure in all cases whether we were imagining our rolls or whether they were actually occurring.

My trip to San Francisco was very interesting. I enjoyed Lauren very much. Their problem is that in recent years mutations are occurring all the time in plants with unbalanced complements but the cytological analysis is not near so long as it is in maize. Give my best to Evelyn & a good night's sleep. I shall write to you soon about details -  
Sincerely,  
Barbara