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Dr. Frank Blair Hanson  
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Dear Dr. Hanson:

I have received notice of the action of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation in providing support for the work in immunology being carried out under the direction of Professor Sturtevant and myself for another year. I am glad to express to you my thanks for your help in making it possible for us to carry on this work, which is, I think, going along very well.

I am very much encouraged by the progress which has been made in recent years in the study of proteins, as shown, for example, by Neurath's review article on denaturation. The use of quantitative methods is providing us with a body of reliable information, and, although proteins are so complex that we can not hope that a final and complete solution of the problem of their structure will ever be obtained, we can, I think, look forward to getting, in our lifetime, a reasonably good insight into the general principles of protein structure.

I have continued to think about your tentative plan for a post-war congress on proteins. Such a congress would be very valuable indeed, in more than one way.

Sincerely yours,

Linus Pauling

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