

March 18, 1958

Dear Kim:

I know you must be enmired in your preparations for the two April meetings. I did want to remind you to send ~~back~~ back the preregistration card, or let me know, as best you can, your expected itinerary for Madison. Or should I make the simple assumption you will arrive sometime Monday (April 7) and leave Friday morning?

After a series of rather unnecessary delays, occasioned by President Fred's impending retirement, Dean Bowers and I had a very satisfactory conference with Fred and with President-elect Elvehjem and we are back on track again. We all agreed we ought to get some other formalities out of the way (there could hardly be any doubt of your endorsement by the faculty review committee which has to pass on any tenure appointment) during the next few weeks, so that we can talk turkey when we see ~~one~~ another next month. Bowers and Elvehjem, no less than myself, could not be more enthusiastic about the possibility of your joining our faculty, and it is just a pity that the discussions had to fall athwart ~~the~~ of the change in administration. But this may have given you more time to think it over, and I do hope you will be able to give us an affirmative answer when you get our formal tender. We will have to move fairly quickly then, because the bids are being let for the new laboratory quarters, and we want to see them equipped as closely as possible to the specifications of the users.

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In an altogether separate project from your/s, the Departments of Genetics and Biochemistry are looking for a possible appointment in Biochemical Genetics (properly speaking). We made a bid for Hershey, but he finally decided that he was too permanently settled at Cold Spring Harbor. ~~And~~ And in fact the administration and most of us would prefer to look at some younger candidates. Have you any suggestions for someone who, like Hershey, could stand on his own feet both in biochemistry and in genetics? Preferably ~~some~~ interested in the nucleic acid end of biochemical genetics. Needless to say your counsels would weigh heavily in appointments of this sort. Unhappily, several members of the Genetics department will be retiring in four or five years, and we will soon have to look ahead to their replacement.

RS: our plan is to arrive
Knoxville on Tuesday April 1, on
Delta flight 447. From there to Gatlinburg;
we might rent a car: you've been to such meetings
before--do you think we'd have any use of one?

As ever