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Dear Joshua

I just wish to say how very much I hope that you accept the offer to come to Harvard and become a member of this department. I think I can very fairly say that the spirit of this department is changing very rapidly and that the President and Dean Bursky will support very strongly our efforts to make this the most alive laboratory of experimental biology in this country. There is certainly now no need to convince the people here that modern biology is new to stay and that new appointments must be made in that direction.

I certainly have had no regrets about coming here - in fact I'm terribly pleased to be here. When I was raised in the mid-west, I was frequently told that Harvard was a frightfully stuffy place and I could never imagine myself wanting to be a part of it. This, however, is just not true and it would be very hard to find more genuine people than John Essell or Kenneth Timine. I have been and in the future will be even more strongly committed with John Essell. We now have just received a very nice grant of \$150,000 to back up a new laboratory for protein chemistry and it is my intention to concentrate as much as possible upon precise characterizations of the proteins and nucleic acids of viruses and bacteria. We also have an application into the NSF to provide a new stream of funds for the best EM in the

available.

In the long term, however, I feel the future of this department, not so in embryology (in a broad sense), and in those problems which relate to growth. It is the very important work we get along these lines. We have things to persuade Arthur Huxley to come here, and despite his first remarks, we have not given up hope. I certainly feel he is the best person we could get, especially as he comes from genetics. There is also the possibility that Huxley will be here, at least for next year.

I am finding that Cambridge and the Boston region a very pleasant environment to live in. I know that Huxley is a very nice but I think that it equally as good, and certainly in some cultural aspects. There is no finer place to live. There is also the fact that Huxley is a very great scientist - there is something very confident about him, a member of the faculty - there is a security which very few scientists can offer. The University of Chicago is not out beside it, nor are any other.

I am quite sure that we will need to get it done in the next few years, and I would also press that you and Bates would also benefit from that and strong ties between the two institutions - a liberal ~~foundation~~ there is a great opportunity for us.

With best regards to you and Bates -