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Dear Josh:

Thanks so much for the reprints. I had read both articles previously but the reprints come in mighty handy right at the moment, since I am really having difficulty expressing my thoughts on this paper for the Ciba meeting. Under separate cover I am sending you a selected group of reprints of our tumor induction work, some relatively recent and some quite old, including my only remaining reprint of a review paper given at the Canadian Cancer Conference in 1956. I am becoming increasingly aware that my work has led me by devious paths to a concern with genetics about which I know essentially nothing.

Bob Alway is now officially designated the Dean, and is throwing himself with great vigor into the numerous problems which have been accumulating during his tenure as Acting Dean. I believe that he is having difficulty coming up with quick answers to the numerous needs which you outlined when you were here. In the two remaining days before I take off, it is doubtful that I can do much except to stiffen his determination to do his utmost for you. If he is unable to come up with a complete solution, he may write and ask you to what extent it would be possible to compromise initially on certain points, and I hope you will then have enough faith in his integrity to realize that he is not just trying to chisel, and to have faith that the things that are not initially provided can come later. Certainly my set up in Radiology was exceedingly primitive when we first started, and such facilities as we enjoy now and will enjoy in the future have come by gentlemanly negotiations with the School over the years, belying the old adage that anything you get, you must get before you agree to come. Part of the financial difficulty will lie in the area of equipping laboratories, and I would wonder about the extent to which such equipment could come on either training or research grants which might be available to you. Moreover, I am sure that Alway would be very appreciative of any suggestions you might have as to special sources of endowment or other support for genetics. There may be certain Foundations which have a particular interest in this area of which he is unaware, and to which you can direct his attention. I think the prospects for some space for you right within the new Medical School building are reasonably good, particularly if Avram Goldstein is willing to relinquish some space to you within his Department.

Meanwhile, you should be receiving a floor plan of the Biophysics Laboratory within the next few days. The space which is unassigned is that on one side of the corridor on the second floor, with the exception of certain common areas such as the x-ray room, the preparation and sterilization rooms, and the cold room. If this space would be adequate for your purposes and would help solve the problem of an early move, I hope you will feel welcome to avail yourself of it. I do not have to have a definite answer on this before September however. I hope it all works out well. If any questions arise in which I can be of any help, please drop me a line care of the Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London, W.1. Our best regards to you and Esther.

Arrivederci,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.