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THANK you for your letter and for your kind wishes. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope to see you soon. I am sure you will have a very successful trip to Madison.

Dear Esther and Josh

I was delighted by your recent letter with all its details of Grabar's visit in Madison. A lot of people from our lab is visiting you, I understand and Wisconsin is, more than ever, a big center.

This letter is speedily sent to you as I just realize that Jacques Monod has been visiting you, now. Did he give you the Chinese "estampage" and the little catalogue, as he was supposed to do so; if I ask you this question it is because we know his absent-mindedness and I would be much disappointed if he had forgotten. We do like these Chinese engravings, Suzan and I, very much, and we hope it will suit well your new house.

As you probably know, I am now back from a little convalescence trip in the Midi and very anxious to go back to work heavily, as I have in my mind so many things I planned to do during all these months of semi-inactivity: before anything else I want to push the purification of the neurotoxin of the Cobra venom and get an answer about it being the same fraction as the lecithinase of the venom and also to confirm that it is really a small polypeptide molecule. The second direction being the study of the lecithinase-anti lecithinase reaction which I am just beginning.

I have been promoted, recently, a member of the Pasteur Institute and I hope it will help me in getting more financial help in my work, it is also morally nice to get into this good old family house, despite all its little struggles, specially after 9 years during which I was working in its lab without being a member of the staff.

I will look around for the Pasteur's work and also will ask the main French Scientific publishers to send you their catalogues.

I have no ideas about the flagella's antigenic specificity in Salmonella but I guess that an immunological analysis in gels may be of interest to study it. I will ask Oudin what he thinks of the prospect?

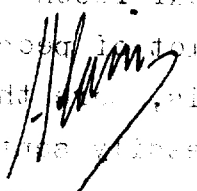
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Thank you for your reprints, I will read them with great interest, as far as I can understand, as some of your work is rather far from my field

I mail this letter in a hurry, as I want to get the next mail.

Yours, as ever



I was delighted to hear from you after my visit in Paris. I had a very pleasant visit in Paris and I hope you had a similar one. I was particularly interested in your work on the structure of proteins and your interest in the problem of the origin of life. I have been thinking about this a great deal lately and I am sure that you will find my ideas very interesting. I would be very glad to hear your views on this question and to discuss it with you. I have been particularly struck by your paper on the origin of life and I would be very glad to hear your views on this question and to discuss it with you. I have been particularly struck by your paper on the origin of life and I would be very glad to hear your views on this question and to discuss it with you. I have been particularly struck by your paper on the origin of life and I would be very glad to hear your views on this question and to discuss it with you.