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Dr. G. E. W. Wolstenholme
The Ciba Foundation

Dear Dr. Wolstenholme:

Thank you for your communication on the program for the forthcoming Symposium on drug-resistance. As I indicated earlier, I would be unable (owing to other commitments) to prepare a paper for publication and it is therefore appropriate that I not be placed on the program for a formal contribution. I trust however that there will be some time for informal discussion-- I have, for example, some evidence on the action of penicillin [as an inhibitor of bacterial wall-synthesis] and its relationship to protoplasts and L-forms that might be pertinent.

My wife will be accompanying me-- as she is my most important collaborator (or vice versa) I trust she will join in the sessions as well. Our trip to Australia has been definitely set to start June 1, so it now has no direct bearing on the present meeting.

Part of my concern over the sufficiency of travel funds has arisen from our desire to make this trip together, as we have many scientific acquaintances in common in London. The \$650 you propose is a very generous allowance, and we will be grateful and content with it. I hope you will not take it amiss that I am still trying to perfect our arrangements-- if it were possible, for example, for the Ciba to offer ^{first-class} first-class-passage (which is \$894 Madison-London RT) the additional funds would assure our joint participation. If this is not possible, other arrangements will be sought, and we will be none the less appreciative.

Yours sincerely,

