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Dear Joshua,

Last Saturday noon I missed you for a few seconds and was not able to ask your permission for borrowing your paper on ~~agates~~ acetates. Here it is back with one hundred per cent interest.

Thank you for the kind letter to Dr. Hausuka: I am looking forward to meeting him and in the meantime I am reading and studying his papers. I hope thus that I shall impress him better than I impressed you: honestly, last week I could remember nothing about bacterial genetics. (You mentioned to me that the antigenic complex of K.12 could be an ideal system for the study of some fundamental problems regarding gene-antigen: I quite agree and moreover Luca taught me that you are always right. Have you some definite ideas in mind? Can you suggest to me any special paper on the subject?

I very much appreciated how friendly ^{Ester} Ethel and you have received me in Madison.

Yours sincerely,


Ruggero Ceppellini

P. S. Do you know Dr. Wesley of the Sloan-Kettering? I could spend some time there but I doubt if it is the best place for basic problems.