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Dear Jim:

Just one brief interruption.

Through an oversight, McGraw-Hill neglected to send me a contract on the Herskowitz film project until some weeks ago. When I saw it, I balked at the scope of the restrictions on participating in the most remotely competitive project for a the long duration of the contract, and I suggested some provisos that, I felt, still protected their particular interest in these ~~film~~ films. I was rather annoyed that McG-H. so far parried rather than answered to these suggestions, and we ~~are~~ are still corresponding.

It occurred to me that you might have had a material concern (mine is rather academic -- no plans for any more movies!) in view of your work on the Disney Science production. Did you make some special accomodation with McG-Hill about that?

Esther and I are just back from a couple of weeks in London; our new house is almost finished -- both ~~reasons~~ reasons we may miss the SLC symposium, but several other people from Stanford will be going,-- DNA is transforming B. subtilis beautifully, but coli not at all; coming this summer: Luca Cavalli (2 months) and Av Mitchison (6 mos.)

Many thanks for your note about "A view"; for a different view, see a letter by Carl Lindgren in a forthcoming issue; in retrospect, I see many gaps in the perspective of that paper, but that's what a "view" is!

AMX As ever,

PS: Will you have to go out to LA again?; if so ~~why~~ why not come back this way?