

Immune-
Recombination
Dept. Bacteriology

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Professor JBS Haldane
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Calcutta, India

Dear Professor Haldane:

I had been waiting to write you further in expectation of some word from yourself, but I perceive that the people in Bombay may not have coordinated with you as I had suggested.

The Cancer Research group in Bombay (Bhabe, Khanolkar, Gopal-Ayengar) have arranged some limited funds for my wife and myself, and this makes it possible for us to make a definite plan for a brief visit to India on our route home. Our tentative itinerary is outlined on the enclosed sheet. The one aspect of it that is quite definite is the flight from Perth, as this is only a weekly service. Barring some mishap we will expect to arrive in Calcutta on Thursday November 7, and trust this will be congenial to your own plans.

I will be at your disposal, during our visit, for any lectures that you consider worthwhile arranging, on any of the following topics:

Mechanisms of recombination (viz. sexuality & alternatives)

Drug resistance (pre-adaptation!)

Immunogenetics of Salmonella

Recombination in animal viruses (viz. a review of what has been going on in Burnet's laboratory)

I am sure you will understand my intentions if I ask that as far as possible any talks be scheduled for evening hours, so that some ~~anytime~~ during the day will be available to see the sights of historic and contemporary India.

The travel offer from the Bombay group is quite generous and we are prepared to proceed on that basis. As it does not nearly meet our full out-of-pocket costs, we would be pleased

to have any suppl ement you can find. However, I fully understand your finan cial position in India, and this is not a matter I wish to press beyond mentioning it.

I will ask the Bombay center to take immediate charge of our travel and stopover arrangements, but will also ask them to keep in touch with you about them.

Looking forward to seeing you in about a month,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg