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Dear Josh,

Jane and I are happy that you will stay with us. If you should become obnoxious, we will pack you off to a hotel.

Regarding the lecture, I suggest that you plan a popular lecture for Friday and a more advanced talk for Monday. The audience for your Friday talk will probably be between fifty and two hundred. A substantial fraction will be people with only a slight knowledge of microbiology. I think that it would be very nice if you could present your whole story for sexual reproduction in coli. You need not refer to radiation in any way or even make the lewd<sup>ed</sup> implications that Luria would surely employ. I think it would be very nice if you would bring out the fundamental importance of recombination for genetics *and give some of your general ideas.* I ~~think this is clear~~ *and give some of your general ideas.* and I would only modify what I have said by telling you that you have a free hand to discuss whatever you like.

My plans are to leave Chicago late Thursday afternoon, spend the night in Lafayette, and proceed to Crawfordsville in the morning. It is the only way I can get there in time. Anyway, there are some friends at Purdue that I want to see.

Let me tell you how you can reach us when you arrive. Our address is 1125 East 61st Street; phone Midway 3-1959. Jane is at Midway 3-0800, Extension 1170, until 5:00, and then goes home and is there all evening. By the way, to spare your nickels, the lab phone during the day is Butterfield 8-4800, Extension 61. After 5:00, it is Butterfield 8-4809 or 4805. Szilard's home address is 5816 Blackstone; phone Midway 3-0545.

I am sorry I won't be at the dinner, but I am sure that Szilard will take good care of you. We are trying to get tickets for a decent play. Alternatively, there is a documentary film exhibition that evening. It will be good to see you both.

Sincerely,

*Aaron*

Aaron Novick

*(which I doubt)*

AN/sds

*P.S. Should you arrive and not be able to find Jane, come to the lab. My dishwasher will be there and I will leave a key with him.*

*This is our new address, one block east of the old place.*

*The recombining story is so nice, it itself will make a good topic.*