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Dear Lu:

Your letter of the 6th does raise a touchy question and it also speaks for some optimism on your part. I myself had begun to wonder whether Cold Spring Harbor had now begun to outlive its function as a center for Genetics. In contrast to the situation when this laboratory was first organized, Genetics is now a widely accepted discipline represented in a great many university departments and I think it would be somewhat more difficult to justify unique measures to preserve a research Institute in this particular discipline. Perhaps I had had some intuition that this might be in Haskins' mind and I was not myself able to imagine who might be able to sustain the necessary traditions at Cold Spring Harbor.

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