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Dr. Max Delbrück
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Dear Delbrück:

I am writing for your opinion as to the desirability of having a paper at the Extranuclear factor section of the Mutation Conference on the relation of viruses to these factors. As you know, the CO₂ story in *Drosophila* (L'Heritier and Teissier) is being interpreted as due to a virus and some people have suggested that kappa and Lindegren's cytogenes are viruses. Do you think it worth while to present an analysis of the whole situation with a view to clarifying thinking on the subject? If you think this would be worth doing, I'd like you to undertake it. You know the time limits. Our section is likely to have more speakers than the 4 or 5 Demerec suggested, so I think we should stick closely to the 20 minute limit and make it even less, if possible.

Let me have your answer as soon as convenient and, if you decide to undertake this paper, let me have your subject and the time you will require.

With very best greetings of the season to you and your wife,

Yours,

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