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Professor Erwin Chargaff
College of Physicians and Surgeons
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Dear Professor Chargaff:

Some time ago I was asked to organize a Metabolism and Genetics Mission to Russia for October 1961. This mission is under the aegis of the Office of International Research Activities, and like other missions of this kind is considered to be a significant part of our general cultural exchange program with the USSR. The group at present tentatively includes George Beadle and Josh Lederberg and, fairly definitely, Seymour Benzer, Curt Stern and myself. It was originally planned that this mission would last about one month, but several of the group have suggested that two or three weeks might be adequate and would prefer not to make the trip longer than necessary. Are you free to join us, and, if so, do you have any particular preference as to dates. I need to hear from you quite soon because I must alert the others in the very near future if the trip is to come off at all. There is apparently a great deal of red tape both in our own State Department and in the USSR to be gotten through. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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