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Dear Josh,

I don't think you can turn the bases over easily, with the exception of adenine. They tend to foul the sugar if you do. Of course it can happen occasionally, but it must be a rare event. I don't understand your sentence about "above or below" the C1 of the deoxyribose. I should have to see a model.

As to the summer, I shall be around the East Coast (for a Gorden Conference) from about mid June till early July, then back to Cambridge. After that the phage meeting in France and in early September the International Biochemical Congress in Vienna. It would be very nice to see you and Esther here, but in any case we shall meet at Royaumont.

We have proteins without genes and genes without proteins, but hopes are high, and everybody is working like mad, except Seymour who is on holiday.

Give my love to Esther.

Yours ever,

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