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Dear Boris:

I was very pleased to receive your letter and manuscript, and particularly to learn that you might be able to spend a few months working here with us.

I am sorry to be so late in answering, but I found that a thorough digestion of your paper took more time than I had available until recently. I had meanwhile received a copy of the manuscript to referee for the J. Bact., and I think it best to tell you that I am responsible for at least some of the comments you will be receiving from the Journal. In order to save time, I am enclosing a carbon copy of my comments to the Journal.

I'm afraid these comments may appear to you rather severe, but I want to assure you they are offered in the friendliest spirit, and only with the hope of improving the paper. I think your work contains a good deal of material of real interest, but in its present form an excessive amount of effort is required to absorb this material. I have gone over the manuscript as I would if it were a product of my own laboratory, and I hope you find the comments helpful.

I think it would be wonderful if you could come here for a few months next year. As you know, Maury Sussman will also be coming to Boston next year. In choosing a time you might like to take into account the fact that Monod will be visiting here in November 1958.

In my new situation I do not have available the funds that I could draw on two years ago; I do hope that your local authorities will be able to support a refresher trip here for you.

I am delighted to learn that your wife is fully recovered, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Bernard D. Davis