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Dear Joshua,

As you can imagine, I have been giving a good deal of thought to the suggestion that I might be a candidate for the position at Stanford. The outcome of this soul-searching seems to me to be unambiguous: it would be very unwise to submit my name for consideration. This would prove awkward--I am unwilling to try to cope with the diverse heavy responsibilities involved since I feel sure that the effort entailed would frustrate my main aim, which is to continue an active laboratory existence. It is hard for me to take such a firm negative stand in the face of the obvious great attractiveness of the Stanford environment--personally because of my many friends there, and, impersonally, because of its present uniquely outstanding intellectual climate. But in spite of these very great temptations to throw my hat into the ring, it would be dishonest or unrealistic on my part ~~to~~ (or both) to encourage further consideration of the matter.

I need hardly tell you that I am deeply grateful and immeasurably flattered by your having raised the question in the first place.

With warmest regards, and looking forward to seeing you in January, I am

Sincerely,



Herman Eisen