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Dear Hayes,

Thank you for your letter ; I am glad to hear that you will come to Pallanza - which is a small town on the Lake Maggiore, North Italy. We had to give up Rome as a consequence of incompatibility of dates. I am sure also Mrs. Hayes will like the place very much. If you come by train you should take the Simplon line . If you come by car and want to avoid climbing up the Simplon, you can have your car transported by train from the last Swiss station to the first Italian station (Domodossola). It should not be very expensive, and I may be able to find out/^{the exact price} if you are interested. We shall have to divide the party between two hotels, of which one will probably be more expensive (about 3000 and 3800 liras daily, full board, per person ; the allowance which we shall be able to give per person will be about 25,000^{liras} and the meeting should last four days) Unfortunately I am unable to pay an increased allowance to participants accompanied by wives ! If you have any preference as to hotel etc., or want informations concerning travelling , please don't hesitate to ask me.

I hope you have received meanwhile the manuscript for Genetics, which will orient you on your present ideas. I am very glad, personally to accept the proposition that the JGM paper be delayed, this will give me an opportunity of writing that paper myself - I am at present entirely absorbed by various organizational and other troubles , and should not like to leave the trouble ~~concerning~~ of writing both of our joint papers to Lederberg. Unless you have heard from Lederberg directly against the idea, I should therefore propose that we send our manuscripts to JGM Before the end of June. I heard from Ponte that your paper at Oxford was a great success, and congratulate you upon it. We have had here a small national congress of microbiology where I just said a few words -having been asked to do so by my boss ; but shall not publish anything , or perhaps just a ten lines summary if this will be deemed necessary.

Our Genetics paper gives only a hint of the disturbed segregation ratios, but my data seemed to suggest a simple hypothesis to explain them on a mendelian basis. It has been unfortunately almost impossible to me to do any fruitful work in the past month. I hope it will improve now.

I shall contact you again as soon as I shall be again agreed with Lederberg about the JGM paper

With best regards to Mrs. Hayes

Yours sincerely