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July 24, 1961.

Dear Professor van de Hulst,

We heard about the request of Professor Lederberg, Professor Florkin and other scientists to hold an unofficial conference in Moscow on questions concerning cosmical biology in August at the time of the International Biochemical Congress.

The Academy of Sciences of the USSR is ready to assist such a conference of a few scientists-delegates of the biochemical Congress.

The participants of the conference could conveniently exchange opinions touching the questions in the letters of Professor Lederberg and Professor Florkin. We agree with Professor Lederberg that at present it is practically impossible to decide the composition of the participants of the conference as it is not known whether all the interested people, mentioned in the letter of Professor Lederberg, go to the Biochemical Congress in Moscow.

Only after all the delegates of the Biochemical congress will have gathered in Moscow, the exact definite list of participants in the proposed conference can be had, with the help of the Organizing Committee of the congress.

Yours sincerely,

sgd N.M. Sisakjan

Professor Florkin,  
cc: Professor Lederberg, ✓  
Professor Thompson,  
Dr. Porter