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Dear Joshua,

Thank you indeed for your letter about Bob Wright. I think in the circumstances the best thing to do would be for us to invite him to visit Canberra on his return to Australia. If he accepts we can then fully discuss the situation here and can show him our set-up, which is probably unlike what he expects and in fact may be more attractive to him than he anticipated.

When writing to you I also wrote to Pontecorvo who strongly recommends another Australian, Charles Elliott, who has been with him for about four years working on Aspergillus. If you know him or about him I should be grateful for a few lines containing your assessment. Elliott, however, is anxious to get a permanent appointment and, as you know, we would not be prepared at this stage to make one in this field.

I think the "mix-up" really arose from the fact that I was under the impression that Syd was doing his utmost to find a position in Australia for Bob Wright and, having found one for him with us, would naturally let the matter rest. It was therefore an unpleasant surprise that at the very same time - or later - he made attempts, which proved successful, to open up a position in his own Department. I can assure you that I have got over this surprise and that it will have no permanent effect on our relations. I cannot, however, quite understand your reference to M.J.D.W. - I didn't know he came into the picture at all.

Kindest regards,

Yours ever

*O.H.*

(O.H. Frankel)