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Dear Joshua,

It was nice indeed of you to write about Bob Wright. All's well that ends well. Bob now seems to feel that he had made a mistake in not coming here straight away, which he is happy to correct, and we are very fortunate in enlisting his help to initiate a project made possible by the generous gift of the Rockefeller Foundation of radiation sources and other very expensive equipment. What he will do then remains to be seen. His appointment is all but formally fixed up and will take effect towards the end of the year.

It was equally nice of you to say something of your current interests. I hope that my young colleague, Rick Davern, who is on his way back after three years first with Bonner, last with Meselson - a really bright youngster - will have had an opportunity to pay you a visit, and so will give us first-hand news of a more detailed kind. When I passed last through San Francisco, I spent my usual week at Palo Alto and saw the building which was to house your laboratory being constructed. Next time I shall have great pleasure in calling on you.

Thank you also for your advice on "Current Contents". My colleagues to whom I mentioned it are very interested and I am passing your advice to our librarians.

All best wishes to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely,

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(O.H. Frankel)

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*P.S. I did not send you
congratulations on your 50th
birthday I expected to
get thousands, I do
now most warmly.*