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Dear Avram:

At my own invitation, the NIH study section on genetics has decided to meet at Stanford for its next meeting Sat-Sun January 24-25, 1959. I will be sure to be on campus a couple of days in advance, but there are a few items of advance arrangements that I would like to ask you (or Dean Alway's office) to look after, and for which I would be very grateful.

As it happens, Kay Wilson, the Exec. Secy. for genetics will be in San Francisco next week (Oct 22-23, I think) and I suggest this would be a useful occasion for some of these arrangements. She and her office will take care of all the detail work, e.g., hotel rooms, but there are a few items you could help advise her on. So I have suggested that she call at the dean's office for a message, but could I ask you to leave word with her at the Sheraton in SFO just in case.

The main 'problem' would be a meeting room, preferably on campus that can accommodate up to 20 people with convenience and privacy for the two days. I am sure there must be more than a few possibilities. It would be congenial if we could set up a coffee urn(s) to help keep us going; we customarily chip in for the expenses. Then we should have a clear idea of where we can lunch, preferably but not necessarily on campus. If we can round up 3 or 4 cars, we could go anywhere. I imagine there will be a good occasion for socializing. I will get in touch with you later with respect to a possible 'conducted tour' of some of the labs. involved in genetical work already, and I will be seeing Henry Kaplan next Monday in St. Louis.

The other question has to do with the symposium Kalman is organizing. I am waiting to hear from him whether he has been able to revise the date so as to match this session, as I imagine the study section might be quite interested, and some of its members (in addition to myself) might be considered as possible speakers on the program. From the S/S point of view, Jan. 26 might be preferable, and the 25d a second choice, if such a revision is possible at all. This is another matter that Dr. Wilson might like to have a chance to discuss, in this case directly with Dr. Kalman.

I am sure all this is a bother to you, but not too great and I hope more than matched by my appreciation. As you might imagine, I am rather pleased to have a chance, even a possibly premature one, to show Stanford off to my friends and colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

CC; Dr K S Wilson, Sheraton Hotel, Sfo.

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