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Dear Professor Lederberg,

     I beg to thank you for your letter of August 30<sup>th</sup>, and am
very glad to be able to inform you to-day that the scholar-
ship has at last been granted by the Deutsche Forschungsge-
meinschaft. I make my preparations to start for Madison as
soon as possible. Before I can tell you the exact date of
my departure, I have to find out first, at which time the
colleague who is to take my place can begin his work here,
and secondly, for which steamer I shall succeed to book the
passage. I am sure that there will arise no difficulties
whatever, and I hope to arrive at Madison at the end of
November or at the beginning of December. That would mean
a time of 5 or 6 months for close cooperation, and I hope
to learn enough during this time, to be able to go on wor-
king by myself whilst you will be absent from Madison. How-
ever, that will turn out if our work is in full swing. As
a matter of fact I want to push ahead first my investiga-
tions on bacterial sexuality before resuming the experiments
on nitrogen fixation, in order to avoid getting scattered.

     I have informed Dr. Ørskov that I shall arrive in Madison
1 or 2 months later, and I suppose that even then we can still
realize our plan, jointly to rent a house with two flats.
In this case there would be no difficulties for my wife to
care for Ørskov's little daughter, thus enabling Mrs. Ørskov
to work as well.

     At this occasion I want to thank you very much for sending
me a copy of the publication on "Conjugal-pairing in E.coli".
The promising result of these investigations seems to prove
that I am on the right path as to the continuation of my
scientific work, and I am very much indebted to you for ha-
ving enabled me to choose this path.

          I am very sincerely Yours


                              (Heumann)