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Dear Joshua!

All our best wishes to Esther and you from Barbara, Irene and me for a happy Christmas. We hope you are very well and you have a nice time in the last days from 1957. We remember often to our Christmas in Madison, the difficulties in the first time in the foreign country and how easy you made to overcome the difficulties with all your kindly help. We hope we can give back in return a small part of this, perhaps if you visit us coming back from the congress in Stockholm August next year. To make the visit from Braunschweig more attractive to you I send you a book from Braunschweig and I hope you enjoy this little Christmas gift.

I has been announced my participation to the congress in Stockholm and I hope I can meet there Esther and you in any case.

Our return journey has been happy and comfortable. First we made a look around in Chicago for 3 days and in New York for 4 days. We enjoyed the fascinating fluidum from these big towns. The ocean crossing in our modern ship "Arosa Sky" with only 85 passengers has been quiet and convenient too.

Coming back to Braunschweig Professor Bogen has had expected me very urgent, my substitute leaved behind some misorder and thus much work for me, so I could'nt undertake my experimental work. Few days before this I have taken a lecture discussing my work in your Lab. In the first half from 1958 I have to perform my habilitation and I have to present to Professor Bogen the habilitation paper til the mid of February. The intervening time isint long enough to make new experiments. I hope I can repeat the critical recombination experiments impliing the streptomycin resistant mutants. Thus the habilitation paper should include a summary of the morphological-cytological and the genetical work in the sexuality of star forming bacteria. The paper should'nt bee published before communication with you. If you make some experiments with B₆ I ask you to inform me concerning the course and the outcome and your wishes concerning the publication.

I thank you ones more for the hospitality in your Lab. With the best wishes for the New Year to Esther and you although from Barbara and Irene

I am sincerely yours


(Wolfram Heumann)