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Dear Esther and Josh,

Here are some few prints from my too short stay in Palo Alto October last year. I am surprised that it is possible to make such rather nice prints from such poor diapositives; they were all of them taken at the time of sunset. How I enjoyed those days.

I understand from the invitation that Dr. Kauffmann received some days ago from Luria that I (or we) shall not get a chance to see you this year at the workshop. (We saw your name and that of Iino on the list). By the way Kauffmann declined the invitation, he says that he is too old for that type of meeting. But we shall hope for next year then. Till then we should have collected some more data on the so-called thermolabile coli antigens (L, M and others) including the fertility factors.

The systematic coli O antigen polysaccharide analysis which we carry out in collaboration with Dr. Westphal since last summer should also be more complete next year.

We feel that our work here progresses quite well. Our collaboration with Hirota has already been rewarding. The two R factors which we have examined up till now have deepgoing influences on the surface properties of receptor strains. Also influences on the ^{expression of the} f+ antigen.

We had our first electron micrographs of coli K+ organisms covered with ferritin conjugated K+ antibody some few weeks ago and hope next week to get the first pictures of the location of the R f+ antigen. This was just some few remarks about our work here right now. Life is rather quiet and we enjoy our new home and hope that spring will soon come. If this letter is send on to Japan please give our very best regards to Iino.

Yours

John F. Phillips

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By the way, will there be any chance of
your returning from Japan via this part of the
world? As you know our house is completely at
your disposal.