

November 19, 1956

Dear Boris:

I am sorry to hear of Raquel's continued misfortune, but it may be better if it can be brought to a head and terminated. I certainly will do what I can to help you look for a position in NY. To do this, can you send me several copies of a curriculum vitae and bibliography that I could send with the letters. It would also be helpful to have a few sets of your published papers; if Sol has them, perhaps you could ask him to send me them.

There would be no harm in duplication on this, but we should have some idea of who is writing where. I will send you a list of the people that I enquire of. I thought immediately of Bernie Davis, Francis Ryan, Hotchkiss, Ochoa, Chargaff, Hershey. I imagine one factor may be the flexibility in your plans: will you be free to accept an appointment say for one year? In general for the people you know personally it would be better for you to write directly. Let me know what you do; I will wait your reply before I start anything myself.

You certainly might as well look for genetic effects of dna. I don't really know what markers you want, but will send you an S^r strain. Will you have time to do anything about this before you leave? I don't know whether I have an S^r Cst+. You should be able to get an S^r mutant with a couple of platings; it sometimes takes us two or three.

Thanks for the check. I did not know whether to expect all the commissions, but assume you have straightened this out with your partners. I don't know anything at all about the N.Y. State order: perhaps you should ask Mann.

I am sorry to have forgotten about the note. I am out of copies now, but will send it with some reprints very soon.

With our best wishes and hopeful sympathies to Raquel,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely "John", written in dark ink. The signature is somewhat stylized and appears to be written over a faint, larger signature or set of initials.