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Dear Esther + Josh

The NIH fellowship is about \$2500 more than the NSF, so I withdrew from the NSF. Now we are really looking forward to this trip! The recent note from Luca indicated that his plans were all but definite with the anticipated chair at Parma, I still think a tenure at Parma would be profitable - Do you?

Our trip to Florida was really great. Twelve days of sun and surf. I spent one day at the Univ. of Miami, Coral Gables, looking it over. They are starting a PhD program in September and plan to expand in various dept. - especially Zool. where they anticipate adding a geneticist to the staff. Nothing new here in Madison. You missed the worst winter in 35+ years. Spring is in evidence but it's not unbearable pleasant.

Your plans sound great. We note that the 3 mos. with Luca have been altered. Probably just as well with building a house + moving into your new facilities. No doubt you have a lot to do at Stanford to remain comfy for long!

Dr. Giuseppe Rogroni - Inst. of Animal Genetics, Catholic U. Piacenza, Italy spent 2 mos. with me. If you run into him while in Italy say hello for us. He's really a real chap.

Don't see the cat's too much now. Can't take too much of that introspection + possessiveness of Mrs. C. (Parasit. the only ones who can 'cat'.)

Miss you both very much.

At recent Grichon banquet quite a bit of references to your leaving Madison in satirical skits. Nothing offensive. Harry Golden at Only in America game talk - it was delightful.

Jim has spread out over your X-facilities waiting for the new wing to be completed.

Genes are good of Smith's coming here next Sept. Catterman, Sicbury + De Mars being discussed for other offshoots. No action as yet. Sorry to hear of Norton's failure to get grant? - was he going to study well kien? Can't think of much more.

Love,
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