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Dear Carl:

Thank you for the invitation to write for QRB. Unfortunately, just a few days ago, I contracted to write a similar article for Physiological Reviews on Unicellular Genetics. Very likely, QRB would have been a more appropriate place for the article than Physiological Reviews, but it would be awkward to change plans now. For the present, therefore, I must decline this invitation. In a couple of years, however, the critical urge may wax again, and I would like to reserve the privalege of reopening this question, if I may.

As to book-reviews, I shall be glad to cover McEwen's Bacteriological Technique, but do not feel that Viruses 1950 is appropriate for more than a very short notice or description. I'll be glad to submit such if you'd like, but someone like A, Novick (Radiobiology-Chicago) or Gus Doermann (Oak Ridge) might wish to do a more extended job.

Yours sincerely,

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