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Dept. Bacteriology

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Dear Dr. Naar:

Thank you for yours of the 18th, received yesterday.

I rather suspected you were under some misapprehension about the length and purpose of my visit to Australia. Yes, as planned, we are leaving here about November 1. If we return westward, as is possible, I will spend a fortnight in India and a week in Italy, to return about ~~mid~~ Nov. 30. And then N.Y. again for the ~~Harve~~ Harvey lecture: (Dec. 19).

I was quite happy to take on your assignment, with the thought that it would be in line with the communicational purposes of my ~~the~~ Fulbright fellowship. But it does not look as if there shall be ~~be~~ any more meetings, as such. I will discuss your proposal of a correspondent-arrangement with one or two of my colleagues here.

I do not know whether I will have time for much more writing during our stay. Some of the topics that would well be worth a brief feature article might include:

- a. (as already mentioned): the Medical School at Suva.  
Roy Edmonds ~~mentioned~~ corrected my misimpression: there was a report of sorts in the New York Times a few months ago. He ought to do this himself, but being in Government, is somewhat bound in red tape.
- b. The artificial epizootic of rabbit myxomatosis in Australia.
- c. The Asian flu epidemic in Melbourne (which was rather well studied and has now run its course.)
- d. A sketch of the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, which is one of Australia's leading centers (under Sir MacFarlane Burnet's direction) and a remarkable instance of correlated clinical and laboratory research.
- e. A general account of medical science in Australia.

I would not propose, necessarily, to do any or all of these myself; however, if you want to commission any of them I'll either try it, or help vet someone here.

The letterhead address will be quite satisfactory until end-October.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Let me acknowledge your check, with thanks,

