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F. H. C. Crick, Ph.D.  
Cavendish Laboratories  
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Dear Dr. Crick:

I have much pleasure in telling you that the American Public Health Association wishes to present to you, Dr. M. H. F. Wilkins and to Dr. James D. Watson jointly, a Special Lasker Award for distinguished contributions to our understanding of the location of genetic information and of the means by which replication and mutation of genes may take place.

You will each receive a statuette of the Winged Victory, a beautifully illuminated citation and a check for \$2,500. The presentation will be made on Thursday evening, November 3, at a Special Session of our 88th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Calif. This will be a really distinguished occasion and we hope very much that you will make your plans to be present.

I enclose a description of the Lasker Awards and the brochure of last year.

Information about the 1960 awards will not be released until Thursday, October 20, when a press luncheon will be held in New York City which we hope you can attend. At that time and at the time of the presentation itself in San Francisco it will be appropriate for you to make a brief response indicating some of the highlights of your experience.

The Association will be happy to reimburse you for travel expense incurred in connection with these visits to New York and San Francisco. It would be expected that you would remain in the United States from October 20 to November 3 and we have no doubt that you can use this time to advantage. Your hotel and meals will be covered for this period.

Let me add my own warm personal congratulations on this new honor that has come to you and the hope that you will have deep satisfaction in this recognition. It represents one of the top American awards, as you know.

I shall hope to have from you an indication of your acceptance of this award and whether it will be possible for you to be present on October 20 in New York and on

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November 3 in San Francisco. At your convenience you will tell us how to convey to you an advance on travel if such an advance would be useful to you. We look forward to your reply with keen interest.

Sincerely yours,

  
Berwyn F. Mattison, M.D.  
Executive Director

Enclosures