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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 19, 1967

Dear Barbara,

It is a very particular pleasure to tell you that at our Annual Meeting our Trustees voted with the greatest enthusiasm to confirm an action which they had earlier recommended, in anticipation of your "retirement" from the Institution.

The vote was that you be appointed a Distinguished Service Member of the Institution, the appointment to begin on July 1, 1967, and to continue for three years.

This post of Distinguished Service Member of the Institution is intended by the Trustees as the highest distinction that can be conferred on a retiring Staff Member. It has been previously held by only two individuals in the Institution — Dr. Ira S. Bown of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, and Dr. Merle A. Tuve of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism. The purpose of it is to make possible a continuation of activity, in any area that you wish and at any place that you wish — including the continuation of your present (or any other) program at Cold Spring Harbor. It carries with it a stipend of $15,000 per annum.

May I add my warmest congratulations to those of all the Trustees and staff members of the Institution — and congratulations to the Institution itself on its fortune in your continuing association?

With every best wish,

Most sincerely,

Dr. Barbara McClintock,
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