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Dear John:

I certainly thank you for the invitation to stay with you people. I would be delighted.

Let me tell you some of the problems with the number of registrants. Increasingly in recent years the pressures have gotten tremendous. I have many contacts and friends around the country and it is hard to say "no" to them. Some of the pressure has come from our own group. After I had turned down one man, Park Gerald made special pleading for him. Another man I turned down and then received a rather peaked-sounding letter from Tibby Russell following which I accepted him.

I would urge that we should set a limit on the number of reporters, euphemistically referred to as "science writers" who are allowed to come. I had thought that we would do well to keep them away this year. When, at the National Foundation meetings early in April, Charles Bennett asked me if it would be possible for me to have them come, I told him I would take the matter up with the Bar Harbor people. When I did so, I discovered that permission had already been given.

Two or three of the people who are coming to the course have asked for recommendations as to preliminary reading material. Although I don't want to seem to be advertising my own wares, I think that good preparation for many of them, although unnecessary for others, would be my book HUMAN GENETICS published by Prentice-Hall in 1964.

I am looking forward to being with you next month.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

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