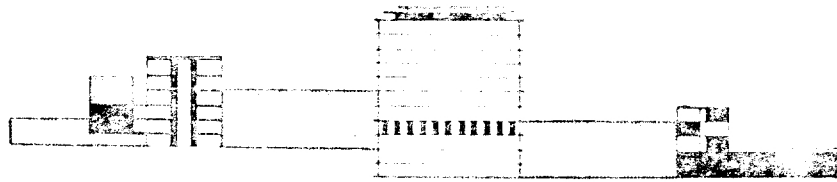


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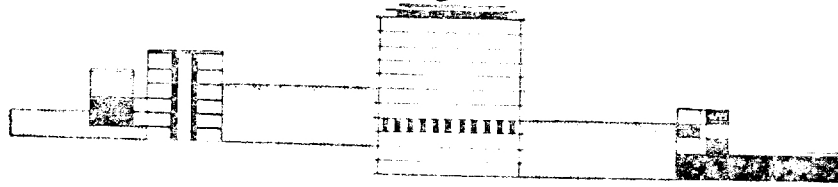
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Dear Josh,

by now you must have received the copy of the refusal from the Binational Fund. Rumours, which spread very quickly here, said that there is a waiting list which might be funded later. I found out the details this morning - no rumours any more. We are on a waiting list of proposals which got between 80-84 points; 85 and above got funded. The proposals on this waiting list are going to be funded if, in a meeting between the finance ministers Simon and Rabinowitz in March, more money is allotted to the fund. If not enough money is approved for all the waiting list some committee will be set up to decide priorities. What priority our proposal has ~~to~~ I have not been able to find out.

People here were very surprised that the proposal was refused and used to tell me



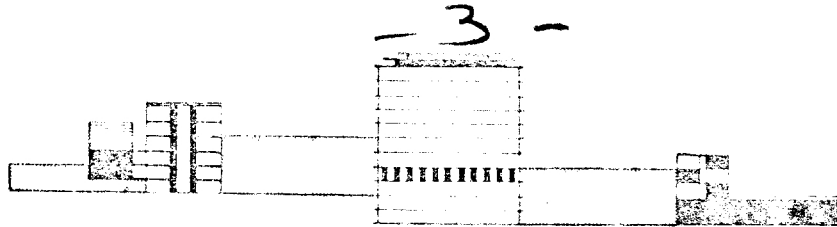
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that I could count on its approval. But this is of no interest any more.

The chances, by the way, for getting more funds varies between 90% to very little, depending on people one talks to. Those on top, like the director of the fund, Dr. Rotem, and Dr. Goldblum, who is head of R. and D. of the university, tend to be on the 90% chance.

Yehuda is abroad and I would not like to make any decisions in his absence, but I do not know whether it would not be fairer, to the project and to you, if you could find somebody who will be easier to finance and thus could go on with the work unhampered. If I don't get a salary I will certainly not be able to get go on. Right now I am being paid for 3 months, out of Regnet Sussman's great and kindness.



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All these are thoughts which have crossed my mind ever since I got the refusal a few days ago. Let us suspend any decisions until everything becomes clearer. The final answer, by the way, should be known by the end of April.

As to science - some progress, but slow. I am making some labelled Φ 80 kbp DNA.

I heard from your mother when she was ~~in~~ in Jerusalem for the check-up, before returning to the convalescent home. She sounded fine and said that the doctor was satisfied with the eye.

Many regards to Marguerite, David and

Annie,
Yours,
Yeludis