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Dear Josh:

We were delayed a day in departing from Madison, chiefly because we had more to haul than had been planned for. Outside of that, the trip was rather uneventful. We made it in two days as before, but with two additional hours driving each day. Hauling 1500 pounds was no problem after one remembered that it required additional stopping space.

We are comfortably located in a two bedroom apartment at 2287 Olive (Apt. D), about two or three blocks from my brother's home.

I was pleased to hear of the meeting at Baltimore and of your exchanges with Kalckar and look forward to Esther's more detailed account.

I hope that you can get the finer details of Jacob's experiments worked out at Ann Arbor. I would like to hear more of these and will have to write to him in Paris and get on the mailing list. I'm not sure that I will understand mapping in terms of "time of penetration" but should at least give it a try.

I have not talked with Ted yet, as he is on vacation until Friday next; and I have not heard whether Hotchkiss is here. I will look up a number of people the first of next week, when I am "officially in".

I was disappointed to hear that Mat Hartman had "botched" the job at Baltimore. I can't figure out why he did. There was nothing in the Ms on position affect beyond the 1,4 interaction and I don't believe that he could have deduced anything from the other data in the paper. Hartman has never acknowledged receipt of the Ms, and I am disappointed in him for this aspect also.

Keep me posted on our relationship with Kalckar's experiments. I have not gotten into experimental work yet. I have most of the things to do, except pipette cans, and test tube racks, which are not absolutely necessary, but a lack of them is a bit of a limitation. I believe all my lysates and cultures survived the trip well, at least the ones I have examined (visually). I should get started next week.

I have to report a disappointment on the dictating machine, for it is a Dictaphone and uses a belt-like record. Perhaps after a bit I may get a tape recorder. I've already begun to look for discount houses.

The weather has been fine here as might have been expected and it has been enjoyable to get up and feel cold in the mornings. I hope that you and Esther enjoy Ann Arbor and Woods Hole and that you will send me any additional information you may pick up.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Attended two meetings at Fitzsimons on tuberculosis. They really need a more rapid method for testing for drug susceptibility. I hope to hear more from you and Dexter Goldman on this aspect. Roger was inquiring of your success in this area also.

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