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Madison 6. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Brandly:

It is reasonably certain that I shall be in America this fall and I wondered whether I could spend two or three days at Madison. I was extremely sorry I could not accept your invitation in January, and I should very much appreciate a renewal of it for October.

I hope very much that my wife will be with me and our present plans are to be in San Francisco till October 11th and to arrive at Cleveland on Sunday 19th. If we could spend most of the intervening time at Madison it would suit us very well.

I should of course be glad to speak on any aspects of our work here that would be of interest.

Would you please convey my regards to Dr. Fred and Dr. Lederberg.

Yours sincerely,

F. M. Burnet  
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Information and suggestions pertaining to Dr. F. M. Burnet's tenure at the College of Agriculture as Knapp Visiting Professor during first semester 1952-53.

Time of arrival - October 13, 1952.

Schedule of stay - October 13-19; November 3-30.

Salary arrangement - Prorated for 5/17 of semester.

Accommodations - The housing bureau has tentatively requested, pending word from Dr. Burnet, a small or medium apartment at the Claridge Hotel for the week of October 12. The rates are \$45/wk. with maid service, \$35 without. A room at the Union would be available for the week in October and the 4 in November except for the night of November 8. (Daily rates - \$7.50 for double, \$8.00 for twin beds). A suite at the Union could be reserved - the rate, \$11.50/day. A suite at the Edgewater, perhaps better, would rent at about the same - \$300-\$540 per month. (Perhaps President Fred should be consulted re housing arrangements).

Knapp Professorship Duties

- (1) To teach a course in the field of the professor's special competence for College students,
- (2) To participate in seminar and conferences with advanced students and staff,
- (3) To give two or three public lectures.

Proposals for the lectures, courses, conferences, etc.

- (1) Dean Froker has suggested that the Departments of Veterinary Science and Plant Pathology sponsor arrangements for and offering of courses mutually acceptable to interested departments and Dr. Burnet. Other proposals are undoubtedly anticipated.
- (2) Dr. Burnet has suggested in his letter of July 28 that he would like to offer a series of lectures on "The Biology of Infectious Diseases".

This approach, he observes, would be similar to that taken in the 1943 Dunham Lectures on evolutionary and ecological aspects of some human virus diseases which lectures were published as the classical "Virus as Organism". Yet, it would seem that the perspective employed in his 1940 book "Biological Aspects of Infectious Disease" might be less advanced and more attractive to a larger number of our students since it was Burnet's attempt "to discuss his own field of interest from the point of view of a biologist rather than a medical man".

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- (3) Several have suggested the desirability of offering a special 5 weeks, 1 credit, 100 series course "The Biology of Infectious Disease". Discussions of infectious disease, generally and specifically as it affects human welfare; the properties, implications and nature of infectious disease from the biological viewpoint and; the evolutionary and ecological aspects of various infectious diseases. 1-3 lectures per week for the five weeks - 4:20 P.M. M.W.F. in 205 Babcock Hall. Wouldn't this require special action by curriculum committee? A number of students have expressed their great interest in credit from such a course by Burnet; this perhaps wouldn't exclude others but they should have official auditing permits.
  - (4) One or two public lectures could be requested and arranged preferably during the 3rd and 5th weeks of Dr. Burnet's stay when word of his competence and fame has spread.
  - (5) Dr. Burnet would undoubtedly be interested in seminar and conferences participation not only among the more interested departments in the College, but certainly also in the Medical School and some other departments and colleges.

Bacteriology and Veterinary Science departments are offering a new course in "Epizootiology" <sup>in</sup> the fall semester. Dr. Burnet could help

materially in its orientation.

Publicity

The college and university journalism departments, the News Service, etc., should be provided with adequate material. Individuals from considerable distances have already indicated they would like to arrange to come here for some of Burnet's lectures. Dr. Burnet will be invited to lecture elsewhere and will need some respite other than week-ends.

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