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Dear Josh and Esther:

Many thanks for your letter, We were happy to hear that your trip back home was smooth and uneventful. We enjoyed seeing you extremely much and we remember the whole week with great pleasure. In retrospect, we are very happy that you did not give your Nobel lecture and that we can look forward to seeing you again next Spring with no international congress and no social ceremonies (or who knows?) attached.

Many thanks for your talking to Norton Zinder. I have written him since and I think that the prospects of getting adequate support on this side are better than we have anticipated. There seems to be considerable interest and good will in several unexpected quarters.

I was sorry to hear about your car accident. On the other hand, I am certainly glad that you take the plane to California. My own accident, which has been the first of its kind, has been a very necessary reminder of my own mortality and we are using the car much less since.

Wishing you every good luck with the moving and a Happy New Year,

yours as ever,

Georg

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P.S. Sorry! Professor Liljestrand just called. He is very sorry but it is not suitable to publish a laboratory picture of you in Les Prix Nobel. He asked me to ask you to be kind enough to send him another one, if just an ordinary portrait with no lab background.