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Dear Joshua:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 14. We hope that things will work out as time goes on and we shall try to figure out the best solution. It was extremely helpful to have your letter and we shall use it as a base line for operations. As to our "debt", the problem is that under Swedish laws of credit restriction only short term loans can be obtained; this is the reason why so few people own houses. The net result is that we shall have to pay about 50 % of our salaries as mortgage and interest during the next ten years. This is a burden so heavy that it might be questioned whether it was reasonable to undertake it; we felt, nevertheless, that we had to do so because of increase of the family.

From the university point of view here, can absent us without difficulty during the free Summer months while September meets great difficulties. We may perhaps envisage the three months of June, July and August, if this is convenient for you. I shall certainly discuss the tax problem with Julian Mac. As to travel fellowships, perhaps I shall investigate first the possibilities of getting a Swedish one. I am quite confident that we can obtain one such stipend; whether we can get two or not, I do not really know. In a few months I shall probably have to ask you to write a formal letter of invitation which can be used for a travel grant application.

Many thanks for all your help with regard to Laci. This was very kind of you.

With many thanks and warm greetings to both of you, from all of us,

Yours as ever,

George
George Klein

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