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Dear Lois:

I understand that Sir Mac and Gus have already mentioned my suggestion that we try to arrange a visit on your part to Stanford next year. This letter is written to confirm my invitation, and to make a start at some necessary preliminaries. I have enclosed a somewhat more formal statement that you may possibly need as a certificate for visa, etc.

There are just two problems, and I am sure they can both be solved to our mutual satisfaction: (1) to finance your trip, and (2) to help you get a suitable visa. For both of these, I think we should be able to find the means to get around your lack of formal academic credentials, which as I know from my own experience have been no hindrance to your work in the lab.

Now, for (1) I can make a formal guarantee to you of a stipend of at least \$3,600 for the year, and I will see, after moving to Stanford whether we can't improve on that, especially if you find yourself unable to find any other subsidy for your travel between Melbourne and San Francisco. I would say that even allowing for that, the \$3600 would leave you enough for a single person to live on quite comfortably, though hardly in luxury. If you can find some additional help, so much the better; if not it will make a plausible argument (if one should be needed in relation to established salary scales at Stanford, which I have to investigate) for an extraordinary supplement. I have no idea what may be available to you, whether there are any Fulbright grants, for example, for technical 'trainees' -- Dr. Margaret Blackwood from the Octany School at Melbourne seems to think there might be. Do you think you can borrow the cost of the travel for gradual repayment from your salary, or can you get the trip cost as such on credit? In any case, there is enough cash in sight for you to make firm plans on the basis of it, and that is the main point of this letter, and its formal counterpart attached hereto.

(2) Visas: there are two conceivable possibilities you should investigate, the Exchange Visitors Visa, and the Temporary Worker's (H-1). If the nature of ~~work~~ your work can qualify you for this, the E/V is probably easier to negotiate and you ought to inquire about this at the US Consul. But I should caution you on the legal restriction that on its expiration you would be legally barred from reentering the US for permanent residence for not less than 2 years. The H-1 will require more fuss, especially at this end, and some additional fees (\$10), but is the one I am really counting on. This will require a formal petition on my part for "Permission to Import Alien Immigrant", but I trust this will be only a formality.

Please let me know which of these applications should be pursued, after you have consulted the Consulate. In other case, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ we will have to file a number of documents and need the following (some not absolutely, but it's best to anticipate.):

4 passport-type snapshots. A letter from Gus referring to your experience and indispensability for our research program. Biographical information: date and place of birth; legal names of parents and yourself; your educational and employment history; date of expected arrival; legal nationality (Australian?); present address; address of parent(s) or whoever else would know your whereabouts; and a list of any publications on which you (a) appear as an author, or (b) did substantial technical work. Do let me know how all this strikes you. I suggest you not delay too long before seeing the Consul; it would be wise to clear the decks as far as possible before I leave Stanford April 1 '59. We're looking forward to the event,

Sincerely,
L. Baber