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Dear Jos,

Thank you for your letter of Sept 18th, and please pardon the unpardonable delay in answering.

The almost gleam you detected was due to my exhilaration at the thoughts of such an environment to work in, before I remembered my 50 years, my ossification of brain & education of children, pensions and all that sort of thing. The person you need, of course, is Ruth; but she, poor girl, has got involved in several jobs here.

I suppose you need a person with considerable experience in blood grouping, some genetical knowledge, and ability to pursue a problem - if not actually to think up the problem (I am sure your teeming brain will produce problems enough).

Such people are very rare in England and are much entangled with husbands etc. e.g. Sylvia Lawler.

One person ^{who} that comes to mind is Emanuel Hackel Ph.D. of the Department of ^{Natural Science; The Basic College} Basic Science, Michigan State University. He spent a year with us and we felt he was quick to master techniques and able to attack a problem and get an answer. (You met him at our book-noon party). We don't know how embedded he is in E. Lansing, he has just become sub-dean or something, but nevertheless is pressing on with his researches.

With a few exceptions, like Hagedel, the only competent blood profpers are those working in blood banks. I wonder whether it would be worth advertising in the Bulletin of the Amer. Ass. of Blood Banks (~~Marian R. Rymer, Ph.D., Belle Bonfils Memorial Blood Bank, 4200 E. 9th Av., Denver 20, Colorado~~) (Classified Ads to Marjorie Saunders, 725 Doctors' Bldg. 3707 Gaston, Dallas 1, Texas.) or in the "Lab World." (~~Heat Evans~~ Lab World, 1919 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles 57, Calif.) There must be some bright people in the B.T. laboratories ~~so~~ That, at any rate, has always been our impression when travelling in the States.

Rome was a wonder! I felt it was so staggeringly beautiful that any further travel would be anticlimax. It was my first visit. It was mostly the renaissance architecture that took my breath away. The Forum etc. looked rather untidy.

Ruth sends love
Yours Rob.