Dear John,

Many thanks for your congratulations and also for the letter which arrived a little before the first draft and which for obvious reasons I haven't got round to answering. In fact I am using the stimulus of your questions as an aid to writing my Nobel lecture. Most of all I was looking at the theoretical side to me and I am trying once more to get my ideas clear as to what self-recognition amounts to. My theme is probably going to be that immunological self-recognition and I believe the subsequent development on that basis of anti-infectious immunity is part of the whole process of morphogenesis and of morphological + functional homologies in what is needed to keep a complex multicellular organism as a going concern. I shall send you a pre-copy of the lecture when I have it tidied up as the best way of answering your letter.

We leave for Stockholm on the 1st and are taking the 2 daughters as well as Linda. She is now working well in the lab - our immunogenetic work on the CAM Salmon reaction is running nicely as you may have heard...
you. So far things point to one major factor - temperature effects - but I need material in order to be sure. There are certainly minor factors as well but the 3 main ones dominate the results.

Yours regards to you both

Marc.