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Tuesday 17 Oct 61

Dear Mr. Oppenheimer,

A convenient train gets in at about 10.45, so

I hope to be at your hotel soon after 11 am on Friday.

Looking forward to our meeting,

Yours sincerely,

Francis Cook

Crick

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M.R.C. Unit.

12th October, 1961.

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

Friday October 20th will be fine. We hope you can spend the night, or at least stay to dinner.

Several of my colleagues would like to meet you if you can fit it in although Perutz and Kendrew have to leave for Rome at about the time of your visit. If you would like to talk to them perhaps in due course you would let me know your plans so that we can make some tentative arrangements. Unfortunately I have to give a lecture at 9.30 on Saturday morning, but other members of the unit will be available at that time.

Please don't put yourself out, but naturally we should like to show you something of the work of the group while you are here. It would give you perhaps a clearer idea of what goes on in Molecular Biology.

Looking forward to our meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Crick
F.H.C. Crick.

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
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M.R.C. Unit.
26th Sept., 1961.

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

I have an engagement at Mill Hill on the 16th October but any day after that would be convenient. I can certainly come to London, but there are one or two of my colleagues here with whom you might care to discuss the question of theoretical work in Molecular Biology, in particular Dr. Leslie Orgel, the theoretical chemist. In any case you would be most welcome in Cambridge, and we would be very happy to put you up for the night if that fits in with your plans.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Francis Crick

F.H.C. Crick.

P.S. I have received a notice of a colloquium for 4.30pm
Monday 19th Oct, so if we can
avoid that day & would be
better suave.

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Solvay file

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E.R.C. Unit.

30th May, 1961.

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

I would certainly like to discuss with you the possibility of the Institute doing something about molecular biology, (though I can see that it will not be easy) but I do not plan to visit the States this summer.

The best arrangement would seem to be for you to visit us here in October. We should be delighted to see you, and you could then discuss the matter with one or two of my colleagues as well. Perhaps you would let me know nearer the date. We could almost certainly find accomodation for you at a College.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Francis Crick

F.H.C. Crick.

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Princeton,
New Jersey,
U.S.A.

R.D. Allen Crick

12 May 1961

Dear Dr. Crick:

For some time my colleagues at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton have been asking themselves the question: could we play a helpful part in the developments in molecular biology, as we have learned to do in theoretical physics and in astronomy. This is, of course, of special interest to the physicists, and thus to me.

Since this Institute, whose members are for the most part temporary, does not—and really cannot—maintain laboratories, we have been slow to conclude that there was anything at all that we could or should do in a field so very close to experiment. We have been encouraged by the new interest and new commitment of our neighbor, Princeton University, to this field. This year Jacques Fresco, who used to work with Doty, has been at the University; next year Arthur Pardee is to come; and I know that the University regards this very much as a beginning. I have had firm expressions of welcome from the University for any microbiologists who might come here as members, and assurance that the laboratories would be open to them as to members of the Princeton faculty itself.

With this encouragement, I should very much like to talk with you, both about the general prospects, and about the possibility that you yourself would find some pleasure and profit in spending a term or two with us within the next years. Nothing could please us more than an affirmative answer. I am writing now to ask whether you have plans to be in this country during the next months. I myself must be in Latin America for the greater part of the summer, but I am going to the Solvay Congress in October, and if we cannot meet here I will try to find you at home.

With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. F. H. C. Crick
Gonville and Caius
Cambridge
England

5/19/61

cc: Dr. Fresco - note: this was sent before we heard from you.