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My dear Hack,

It was a delight to get your cordial letter and, though diversions on a round the world route seem to require a bit of discussion at the air offices, I am told that I can stop off at Detroit at 8.15 p.m. which as things stand would be on 14 September, with the prospect (which, after Rob Race's experience, I do not trust) of getting to Lansing at 11.36 that night. If all went smoothly I could perhaps catch a plane for New York at 8.44 p.m. the following day, which would give me a chance of giving a lecture in the afternoon, or morning, if you have a group that would really like one. Of course I may be pretty well worn out with flying in from New Zealand on the previous day or two. I shall love to see your family again.

It was nice of you to send me your offprint on the inhibition of absorption of anti-Rh and anti-Lutheran sera by the particular derivatives you use. This seems to open the door to a real understanding of what these antibodies are but I guess it will take some time to continue exploration, for I suppose there might be two or more quite different side chains or molecular elements capable of inhibiting the same antibody.

Here at Adelaide we have a really lovely climate and naturally a lot of interest, with Alf Cornish's statistical department and Henry Bennett as professor of genetics. I shall be talking at the Darwin Centenary do with the opening of a new building for the Commonwealth Academy of Sciences in about a fortnight.

I had thought it would be impossible for me to visit you in Michigan on my way but I really think now that I was too pessimistic; though whether my daughter Joan will be with me I cannot yet be sure.