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Dr. Viktor Hamburger,  
Department of Zoology,  
Washington University,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Viktor:

As you undoubtedly know, Rioch has asked me to come to St. Louis in February, and I have just written him in definitive acceptance of his invitation. I was not very well during recent weeks and had to postpone my answer until now but now everything is all right again and I see my way clear to make the trip without difficulty.

Rioch indicated to me that in addition to a talk before the Neurological Institute he would like me to address two seminars, one of which is your Zoo Club and I have just sent him a list of topics from which to choose the ones that your group may deem most appropriate. Since I hadn't heard from you, I felt the proper thing to do was to carry on further communication with Rioch directly although I know that with regard to the Zoology Club performance you would be the person most concerned. Since the suggestion is to <sup>schedule</sup> see the evening lecture ~~for~~ the same day as the Zoo Club talk, I should appreciate to have that talk kept on the most informal level possible and if this would seem feasible, perhaps make it merely a sort of discussion hour in which I might answer questions rather than having to do all the talking myself. However, if you should prefer it, I would also be willing to give a talk of not more than 40 to 45 minutes on that occasion. I feel that usually an evening lecture suffers considerably from fatiguing oneself in an immediately preceding talk.

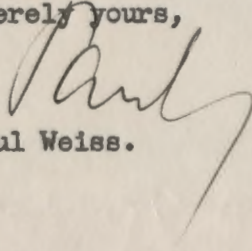
I am really very glad to have this opportunity of coming down to St. Louis and particularly seeing you and your family in what to me will be your new home, about which we have heard so much. I doubt whether Nina will be able to come along on the trip but if there is a change later, I shall let you know.

The fall quarter has been extremely hectic and I am beginning to breathe a little easier although I am still running two courses this quarter in addition to 10 graduate students and a full-sized conjoined research program in orthopedic surgery.

Only during the few bright moments which are becoming scarcer and scarcer, I am asking myself: what for the whole thing? ~~and~~ only to rush into the whirl again.

Looking forward to hearing from you and with best wishes to the whole family,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Weiss", written in dark ink.

Paul Weiss.

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