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Dear Viktor:

The proposal in your letter of December 5 sounds intriguing. I should certainly value the enrichment that would come from contact with another student body. Thank you for your thought. As you know, I am very much in favor of intellectual cross-fertilization.

In practical regards, all would depend on how I could work such periodic visits in with my rather heavy obligations. If hours could be arranged so as to fit into transportation schedules, by either air or train, I could presumably handle it. Before deciding, I would, therefore, have to know how many hours and at what time of the day the course would have to be held. In my experience, two and a half hours is a minimum for effectiveness. From the standpoint of transportation, the afternoon hours, say from two to five, would seem most appropriate, and I could use the morning and evening planes. Another, though less desirable, possibility would be the evening hours, permitting me to take a night train back. On one or the other occasion, I should of course like to stay a little longer so as to become better acquainted.

Another thing I would have to know is whether the intervals between the meetings would have to be absolutely constant, and whether an occasional date could be changed in emergencies; furthermore, how the matter would be handled administratively (formal visiting appointment or some other arrangement).

If you will let me have answers to these questions, I can make my decision rather promptly.

In the meantime, we are looking forward to hearing from you regarding your summer engagement in Chicago. I was glad to see from your reply to Carl Moore that you are inclined to accept, and I certainly hope that you will come, although, being out of town, I shall have little personal profit from it. We expect to go to Sweden, and shall probably be gone for most of the summer

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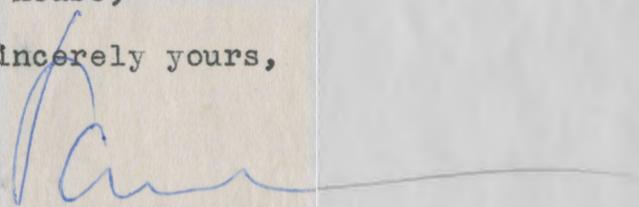
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quarter. I am enclosing an announcement of the Stockholm Congress for the benefit of anyone among your group who might be interested. Could you kindly pass it around?

I am sorry our editorial meeting in December did not materialize, but I had to spend about two weeks in the East, and when I saw Benjie early this month, we decided that it would be better to wait until after New Year's. We could arrange something around January 20.

Best wishes from house to house,

Sincerely yours,



Paul Weiss

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