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Dear Viktor,

I enclose the NS abstracts you asked me to send. Although most of my efforts go towards <sup>studying</sup> various aspects of cell death, I am also making some progress in the analysis of the growth and guidance of axons within the spinal cord.

It was really enjoyable having you and Jean visit last week. I'm also pleased to know that Jean is recording your thoughts and reflections on matters scientific and personal. I think it is very valuable to have that sort of information available, much of which I'm sure is of the kind that you would never put in print yourself.

The article in Science has finally appeared (May 13 issue) so perhaps you have seen it by now? I'll send you a reprint when they arrive. That work is going very well. My biochemical colleagues tell me that they are getting close to purifying the active molecule, so it may not be too long before antibodies are available and we can begin to do in vivo NGF-like studies.

I wouldn't give up on writing something about embryonic behavior. I have a pretty good collection of recent papers that you are welcome to use if you change your mind.

All my best,  
Ron