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Dear Viktor:

Events moved rather rapidly after I returned to Austin. Adamstone offered me an assistant professorship at \$4,000. The top salary in that bracket here is \$3,800. The budget council recommended that I be offered this much, feeling that the rank of associate would not be justifiable until I have published more. I had to agree with them on that. I then explained to Adamstone that in view of the uncertainties at Illinois, and the differences in interest between people there and here, as well as the state of my own research, I felt I should stay here. He raised his offer to \$4,500, which I reluctantly declined. So that is settled, and I am planning to buy a house for the coming year.

Embryology met for the first time this morning with about 220 students. I will lecture to 130, Patterson to the other 70. In addition I will have six students in experimental embryology. Due to the shortage of dissecting microscopes, there will be no laboratory work. I hope that Klein is making progress with the lantern slides. I'll be glad to pay bills on that at any time.

Sincerely yours

Jack
Jack Cairns