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Dear Elof:

It was kind of you to think of me in connection with the meeting on grants. It would be ~~fun~~ to visit you up at Kingston and I do have decided opinions about grants, that I'd be relieved at getting off my chest. However, it happens that I have an important deadline for a paper that has to be finished shortly before the end of February. In addition to that, I have to prepare for a Humanist meeting in New York that will take place on the last two or three days of February and the first day in March. For these reasons I would be unable to visit Kingston.

Dr. Witschi of Iowa, who is connected somehow with the spending policy of the National Institutes of Health, so I discovered, paid a visit here today. He told me that biologists interested in studies of the cell are proposing that big grants be given to worthy and promising scientists to enable them to carry on projects for a considerable period of time without writing reports etc. and then, perhaps after five years, to set them up for life, so to speak. I think this would be a great idea provided the people can be well chosen, because of course the greatest difficulty is to find good co-workers if one cannot offer them some kind of tenure or future. So I hope this policy goes through and becomes more general.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Joe*

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H. J. Muller

*P.S. Since writing the above I have discovered from outside sources that Sara, who was to have carried through a project here this spring, is leaving on Feb. 1 to go to St. Louis University. Oster also is leaving Feb. 1; he is at present in Australia.*

*You will presently be hearing (if you haven't heard already) from UCL A about an opening there that looks good.*