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Dr. Lambert,
Director in the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dear Dr. Lambert,

As you know ,I had already in mind in the fall of 1937 to accept a scientific position~~y~~ in America~~x~~ for continuing my researches. As it seemed during my visit overthere, some chances existed for me in Chicago, but during the winter 37/38 I was informed by the Dean of the Faculty, that the question of the medical laboratory of the Lasker foundation would not be settled for some time.

Since I had to leave my former Heidelberg Institute in the summer 38, I accepted, as you will know, the position of a "Directeur de recherche "à la Caisse nationale in Paris. The outcome of my laboratory in the Institut de Biologie, would have been quite satisfactory after the period of transition, but after the outbreak of the war, I could continue work only on a small scale. As I judge from the political situation , there will be in future no chance for me to keep my Paris position, even when I should escape from imminent danger. This is also the opinion of my french friends here.

Therefore I write you , for saying, that I would accept any scientific position in U.S.A. ,which would allow me to get a non Quota visa and to live on a modest scale with my wife and my youngest son. (My daughter is already studying medicine at the John Hopkins

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John Hopkins Medical School and my oldest son is employed as engineer in London.)

I would accept such a position in any part of U.S.A. ,and too, if it is combined with teaching, on biochemistry or general physiology. Since the Rockefeller foundation has surely the best survey, your suggestions and your possible assistance will be of unvaluable support for me. So I venture to ask you, to give me notice, when you see any possible prospect for me, and in the same time to inform the American Embassy in France on my behalf.

With my best thanks

I remain sincerely yours

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