Professor Gilberto Bernardini CERN, Geneva

5th August, 1963

Dear Bernardini,

This is just a note to let you know that it is conceivable that circumstances could arise which may make it impossible for me to attend the Ravello meeting. At the present stage of the development perhaps you can do without me. Much of what I would have to say I could put into writing and John Kendrew - who sees eye to eye with me - could, perhaps, present my views at the meeting. I wonder what you would think of this way of handling the matter.

You could telephone me at 33 20 00, extension 32 50, or else drop me a note c/o Dr. Martin Kaplan, World Health Organization, Palais des Nations, Geneva, to let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Meyrin-Genève, le 8 August 1963

Dear Szilard,

I am surprised and sorry to hear that it might be impossible for you to attend the Ravello meeting.

As you know, at Ravello the main official purpose of the discussions is to plan the next Summer course in Biophysics (Molecular Biology) at Varenna. However, it was considered by the Council of the Italian Physical Society that this Varenna Summer Course should be related very closely to the foreseeable development of the studies and research in a new field of science in Europe. Consequently, as you know, very unofficially some time of the Meeting will be devoted to the future plans of the organization of this kind of research in Europe. One of the hottest points of the discussions, as you know, will concern the creation of an International European Laboratory for Molecular Biology. Due to the main rôle you played in starting these ideas, I would consider your presence as essential, and I hope you will be able to arrange all the commitments you have in such a manner that you will be present at Ravello. According to my understanding this looked possible to you when the meeting was arranged, and I am disappointed to hear now that it is uncertain.

With my best regards
Yours

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