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DOBSHANSKY, T.

January 29, 1954.

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky,
Department of Zoology,
Columbia University,
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear Theodosius:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending me your reprints, which I am delighted to have.

Under separate cover I am sending you a few little things of mine which I hope you may find of interest. In my Flora of the Elizabeth Islands you may perhaps be interested in the statement concerning the composition of the flora, page 208, and also in my brief discussion of the influences of recent glaciation upon the vegetation of this tiny group of islands.

It was, as always, great fun having you here last week, and I earnestly hope that this will become an annual occasion.

Sincerely,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

JMF:hjb

from Fagg

February 27, 1957

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Theodosius:

We are all looking forward to your lecture to the Bell Telephone Humanities group on Monday, March 18th, and I am writing to suggest that if it fits in with your plans my wife and I would love to have you come over Sunday afternoon, take dinner and spend the evening and night with us, so that I could drive you in to the Institute headquarters the following morning. Otherwise you would either have to spend the night in a hotel or make a pretty harly start from New York on Monday. Our home is not far from North Philadelphia Station and if you would like to come over Sunday afternoon and let me know when you would be arriving there, I should be happy to get you and bring you to the house.

Sincerely yours,

DOBZHANSKY

Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

March 1, 1957

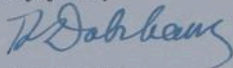
John M. Fogg, Jr., Director
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Jack:

It's awfully kind of you to invite me to dine and to stay with you on the night of Sunday, the 17th. Of course, I accept the invitation with great pleasure. If you could drop a note saying which train I should take from New York, I shall be at the North Philadelphia station at the time you designate.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Th. Dobzhansky

Th.D:gs

from Fogg

March 6, 1957

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Theodosius:

I am delighted to receive your letter and to know that we can count upon having you stay with us on the night of Sunday, March 17th.

In order to make the least possible inroads on your valuable time I venture to suggest that you take a 4 o'clock train from Penn Station Sunday afternoon and get off at North Philadelphia Station, where I shall meet you. I think it would be best for you to go downstairs from the platform and walk the few steps out to the taxi stand where I will be awaiting you with the car.

We are looking forward with great eagerness to having you with us.

Sincerely yours,

DOBZHANSKY.

Columbia University
in the City of New York
[NEW YORK 27, N. Y.]

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

March 20, 1957

Dear Jack:

It has been a wonderful experience to participate in the work of your work school for executive, and it has been a most pleasant opportunity for me to meet you and Mrs Fagg and to spend an evening + night in your hospitable home. Please, accept my sincere thanks, and, please, convey no less sincere ones to Mrs Fagg who has been such a generous hostess.

Under a separate cover I am sending you a signed copy of the little book. To my surprise (as also to the publisher's) this little opus seems to be having a fairly wide distribution than anticipated.

With warmest personal regards,

Lawrence,

Doobly

From Fogg

March 21, 1957

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Theodosius:

I just want to thank you again for the wonderful job you did for us here on Monday. The boys were greatly impressed by the clarity of your presentation and the significance of your data. You gave them a great deal to think about and we are most grateful to you for having taken the time out of your busy schedule to come to us.

It was great fun having you with us at home and my wife and I hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you again before long.

Sincerely yours,

April 1, 1957

Doctor Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Doby:

Your "little book" has arrived and Helen and I are deeply grateful to you for your very great kindness in sending it to us. I have read about half of it and consider it one of the finest things you have done. It is a model of clear thinking and logical development and I am delighted to learn that it is receiving the warm welcome which it deserves.

Again let me say what a pleasure it was to have you with us and to add that we look eagerly forward to your next visit.

Sincerely yours,

JMF/m

John M. FOGE, Jr.,
Director

Dobzhansky, Theo.

February 7, 1958

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Doby:

We are all looking forward to having you here for the Bell Telephone Institute on Thursday, March 20, and the purpose of this letter is to say that we would love to have you spend the night before with us if it suits your convenience.

If, as you did last year, you could arrange to arrive at North Philadelphia Station in the late afternoon I would be happy to meet you, bring you home for dinner and see that you got to bed in time to have a good night's rest before "appearing" the following morning.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

Dobzhansky, Th.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

February 11, 1958

Prof. John M. Fogg, Jr.
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Jack:

O.K.
I shall certainly be delighted to enjoy your hospitality before my lecture at the Bell Telephone Institute. There is one possible complication with it. On Saturday, I am departing for some field work in South America and although my plan is to return on about March 18th or 19th there is always a possibility when traveling in remote land that a delay may arise. Would it be possible for me to exchange places with Dr. Kirtley Mather or if not, with yourself? That would give me a few days safety margin. I am sorry to raise this question at so late a date but my South American venture had to be also postponed beyond its original date on account of the meeting of the genetic group at the United Nations.

With warmest personal regards to you and to Mrs. Fogg,

Cordially,

Th. Dobzhansky

Th.D:gs

March 10, 1958

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Doby:

This letter, which should be awaiting you upon your return, is merely to reassure you that we have rearranged matters so that your lecture to the Humanistic Institute will be on Monday, March 24th, instead of the 20th.

Since you have indicated your willingness to have dinner and spend the preceding night with us, I suggest that you let me know when you would plan to leave New York, so that I can meet you at North Philadelphia sometime Sunday afternoon. It would be fine if you would arrive early so that I would have time to show you around the Arboretum before coming to the house for cocktails and dinner.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

Dobzhansky, Theo.

April 2, 1956

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doby:

It was simply marvelous having you here again with us last week and I want you to know that the members of the Institute have been unstinting in their appreciation of your contribution to our program. To this I desire to add my personal thanks to you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come to Philadelphia.

I located the reprints which you left in the bedroom and am sending them on to you under separate cover.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

Dob

Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

April 4, 1958

Dear Jack:

A week ago came the reports which I have
standed in your house, and which you have so kindly
sent. And this reminds me that I have been
unpardonably negligent in not thanking you and
Mrs Fagg for the most kind reception which you
gave me for the second time in your hospitable
mansion. Permit me to do so now - better late
than never, they say. It certainly has been a great
pleasure, and the company for the dinner certainly
felt like a company of great friends.

My wife has returned from her stay in Greece-
malta, and we are spending this Easter vacation to
read the translation of B. Reusch's book in evolu-
tion which I have agreed to correct and the Columbia
University Press agreed to publish. It proved to be
far more laborious a job than I anticipated.

With warmest personal regards and thanks,

Cordially,

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Dobzhansky, Dr. Theo.

February 13, 1959

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doby:

We are all looking forward again to your visit to our Humanities Institute on Monday, March 16, and the purpose of this hasty note is to assure you that we would love to have you take dinner and spend the night before with us, as you have in the past.

Do drop a postal when your plans are definite and tell me when you are arriving, so that I may have the pleasure of meeting you at the station.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

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Dobzhansky, Theo Dr.

March 17, 1959

Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky
Department of Zoology
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Doby:

I simply do not know how to express my appreciation of and admiration for the wonderful job which you did for our Humanities group today. I can only hope that the sympathetic response which you elicited from the "boys" told you very eloquently how much they enjoyed and profited from your presentation.

By this time I am sure you know that you are my favorite geneticist and student of evolution and I hope that we may be privileged to count upon your participation in our Institute in years to come.

With best wishes for a wonderful visit to Italy,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

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