

September 24th 1957.

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Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 13th.

In all probability you are aware by now that I wrote to Dr. Clark telling him that I had finally arrived at the conclusion that I would stay in Buenos Aires. The offer made to me was so attractive that I believe it led me to underestimate my personal and scientific responsibilities here, apart from the many complications involved to move away. Frankly, I could not see my way clear to undertake such a task without burning my bridges, or better said, leaving them practically destroyed.

Besides the outstanding research facilities at my disposal, the main attraction was to become acquainted with the group of superior people of the Hospital, Harvard and M.I.T. All this would certainly have been an exciting experience.

As I told Dr. Clark, I am extremely ashamed to think I have wasted so much valuable time of the people at the Hospital owing to my delay to solve the present problem. I do sincerely hope my apologies will be accepted, but, as you will readily understand, there was much to be taken into consideration before making my final decision.

Before closing I would like to add that I appreciate enormously your desire to have me in your midst and the general enthusiasm and consideration shown in order to have me in Boston, this has moved me deeply emphasized by the fact that I regret very much having to disappoint you all.

With best regards and good wishes for the future, I am,

Very sincerely,



Luis F. Leloir.