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Dear Detwiler:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 9. I am glad you agree with me on the interpretation of your earlier material. You inquire at what stage the motor neurons can be definitely distinguished from non-motor neurons. It is not clear whether you refer to *Amblystoma* or chick. I never have made sections of *Amblystoma* and I don't know the material from my own experience but Coghill seems to have been able to identify motor neurons in early larval stages using special techniques. In the chick the first motor neurons can be identified at 3½ - 4 days. This, among other things, makes the chick material so valuable for these studies. At present, I am working on the spinal ganglion which may bring some new surprises.

I wonder if you would have a vacancy for a girl who is just taking her Ph.D. in chemical embryology with Barth? I know her quite well and know that she is very efficient.

I hope I shall be able to see you next year. Usually you are out of town when I pass through New York on my way to and from Woods Hole.

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Viktor Hamburger

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