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Dear Victor,

Thank you so much for your message of congratulation. I was surprised and delighted at my election to the Academy. Because of my interests in "off center" phases of zoology, I never thought I would be elected.

At the moment I am in the hospital recovering from a hemorhaged ulcer. It came out of the blue with no preliminary warning on April 1st. I think they will both cure me & prevent a recurrence.

I have an NSF grant for 3 years of research on Peromyscus and the first year both Eleanor & I shall go to New Guinea & Sarawak for about 2 months each & then around the world. The whole trip will last 6 months from Nov. 1 - May 1.

It will be a pleasure to be associated ^{with} you in the Nat. Acad. I have always found your broad perspective on biology most stimulating & our long personal friendship will be augmented, I hope.

Most cordially yours.

Alfred Emerson