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Dear Viktor:

I sent you yesterday a telegram explaining that I would prefer to give my talk to your class on the week of July 19 to that of the coming week. The reasons for this are multiple. We started our semester July 1, and I am having four honors students who do special problems under me, and these students all are crying for special services until they are launched in their respective problems. This present week is especially filled with a great deal of work going on with our friend, Karczmar, who stays with me here in order to terminate two papers on the effect of temperature on the rates of re-sorption of denervated amputated limbs, and I have decided that this time the papers ought to be brought to an end (I have three other papers in press).

I wanted very much to talk in Woods Hole about some of that newer work on the influence of temperature on regression speeds and also on the factors of variability within constant temperature conditions, but for that I need to make lantern slides of graphs and drawings which are still in the process of being made at present, and my whole staff is working on the paper and on these graphs. So I wouldn't at all be in a relaxed mood to talk to a class, and I somehow don't feel I can afford to leave my students alone so early in the semester. It will be entirely different the week after, and I will feel myself like taking a little two or three day vacation for my present efforts. I hope you can arrange the meeting to take place the 19th or the 20th, and I think it is not too near to the end of the class. It will be nice to see you and a few other people in Woods Hole, and it is rather sad for me to be so estranged from that place in which I have spent so many summers.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon, and I am

As ever,

Oscar

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