

B. Besse

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My dear Besse,

Heartiest congratulations on your award. I am sure you and your team very much deserve it.

I am answering your questions at once. My boat is supposed to arrive in New York on the morning of September 17th. I have not yet heard from Lukacs as to a change of date of my lecture, which was originally fixed for the 20th, so it may be I shall have some days on hand in the New York area to visit the Brandts and such nice folk as I know there.

Do you think the recently developed habit of spending a great deal of research workers' time in conferences, in which the discussion is apt to be wide rather than deep, is liable to give the participants the impression that they have heard everything on a given topic, and have nothing to learn? I have been sometimes tempted to speak of "the symposium mind".

With all love,

Yours sincerely,