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Dr. Louis Dienes,
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Dear Doctor Dienes:

I am sorry that it has taken so long to have your manuscript refereed. This was due partly to the intervention of vacation time and partly to the unexpected length of the paper. Yours of 16 March estimated a total length of about 40 pages; my rough estimate indicates about 75. This is much too long; we cannot spare that much space.

You stated that the greater part of the photos were not previously published. It seems that the reverse is true. If you have to print all of them, please obtain permission from Cold Spring Harbor Symposia and Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biol. Med. However, you had better provide new photos, if possible, because we cannot afford the space to print the catalog of previous and new publications appended to your Plates I-VI.

Attached are the comments of two referees. One reluctantly favors publication after suitable revision, the other thinks publication is superfluous. I would favor publication if you and Dr. Weinberger would perform radical revision of the work along the following lines:

1. Meet the recommendations of the referees for more critical evaluation of certain of the observations.

2. Cut down by 50%, or more, the detailed descriptions, and eliminate repetitions and unnecessary comment in the text.

3. Better integration of the text and the photos. I am not convinced that all of the photos are really necessary. Are you?

It seems to me that you have something of considerable importance to show and that it will have its proper impact on our readers if reconstructed according to the above suggestions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Barnett Cohen

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P.S. Please note also occasional comments pencilled on the typescript.

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