Dear Cavalli,

I have now seen the decretary of the General Foard, who tells me a) that I cannot make a University appointment, but only one in the department pending a University appointment in the following year, if we start, as I hope we may, in October this year, and b) that such a departmental appointment cannot be of more than £600 a year. This seems near enough to our original mark for me to hope that you may be willing to take this much lower salary than I had hoped to be able to give. Anyway, I shall be glad to know of your acceptance or refusal as soon as you can give it.

Subject to acceptance I propose to notify the Faculty Boards that you are prepared to give in the Lent Term a course either in the genetics of bacteria and viruses, or a more comprehensive though less intensive course on the genetics of micro-organisms, and to ask the Faculty Boards for an opinion as to which would be the more useful.

I should also like to notify the Feculty Board through the General Board of an estimate for non-recurrent capital expenditure which you anticipate will be required for initiating your work in my department. Apart from ready made apparatus such as autoclave, frigidaire, etc., you may also consider at this point the cost of partitioning a section of the laboratory, and