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July 4, 1997

Dear Dr. Bader,

I was successful to catch Doz. S. Hala and to obtain samples of the "provisional residue" from him.

Wishing you much success with the samples,  
with best regards to you and Mrs. Isabel.

Sincerely yours,

Oldřich Paleta

To David Warren  
Dear David  
Please look at the Feb. 21 C&EN news  
letter and the enclosed correspondence,  
mostly self-explanatory. I am sending you  
2 of the 3 pamphlets prof. Paleta sent. I  
am keeping the third, just in case the letter  
gets lost. If you think it worthwhile,  
please have name paper made.  
Of course we would love to see you  
before July 25.  
Kind regards  
Oldřich Paleta



February 21, 1997

Professor Oldrich Paleta  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
Prague Institute of Chemical Technology  
Technickí 5  
166 28 Prague 6  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Paleta:

Thank you for your and Dr. Drasar's letters about the question whether Dr. Vladimir Havlicek is an organic chemist.

I am just querying a number of competent chemists and I look forward to discussing the whole matter with you when I see you in Prague during our next visit - the second half of June.

Of course I have given the Foundation for Civil Society the dollar equivalent 330,000 Czech crowns to cover the awards for the next three years.

Right now I am just writing to you hurriedly to point to a Letter to the Editor of this week's *C&E News*, copy enclosed. You may not get *C&E News* for a few weeks, but of course you will be asked the very important question: Whether Dr. Landa's samples, stored in your Institute, contain fullerenes.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/nik

Enclosure

copy to Walt  
7/14

FOR THE PERIOD 12/01/96 TO 12/31/96

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
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12/31/96	GJ 12-4	To record '96 sales A/R's		9,324.90
		*** ENDING BALANCE ***		4,498,890.76

M O R A V A 26

Odebráno 24. ledna 1967 z vyčerpané sondy asi 2km od Hodonína.

Vlastnosti podle rozboru z roku 1959 :

Helvet , hloubka 415 m , čerpadlem.

hustota: 0,9425 g/ml ; 20°C,

viskozita : 19,2 cP , 2,7°E / 50°C,

bod vzplanutí : 92°C,

bod zápalu : 122°C,

obsah parafinu : 0

bod tuhnutí : -32,

$n_D^{20}$ : 1,5171

mol.váha 273

neutr.číslo : 1,28 mg KOH /g

19,5 %<sub>A</sub> , 55,6 %<sub>N</sub> , 26,9 %<sub>P</sub>

destilační křivka :	poč.	236°C	50%	350°C
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	40	350		

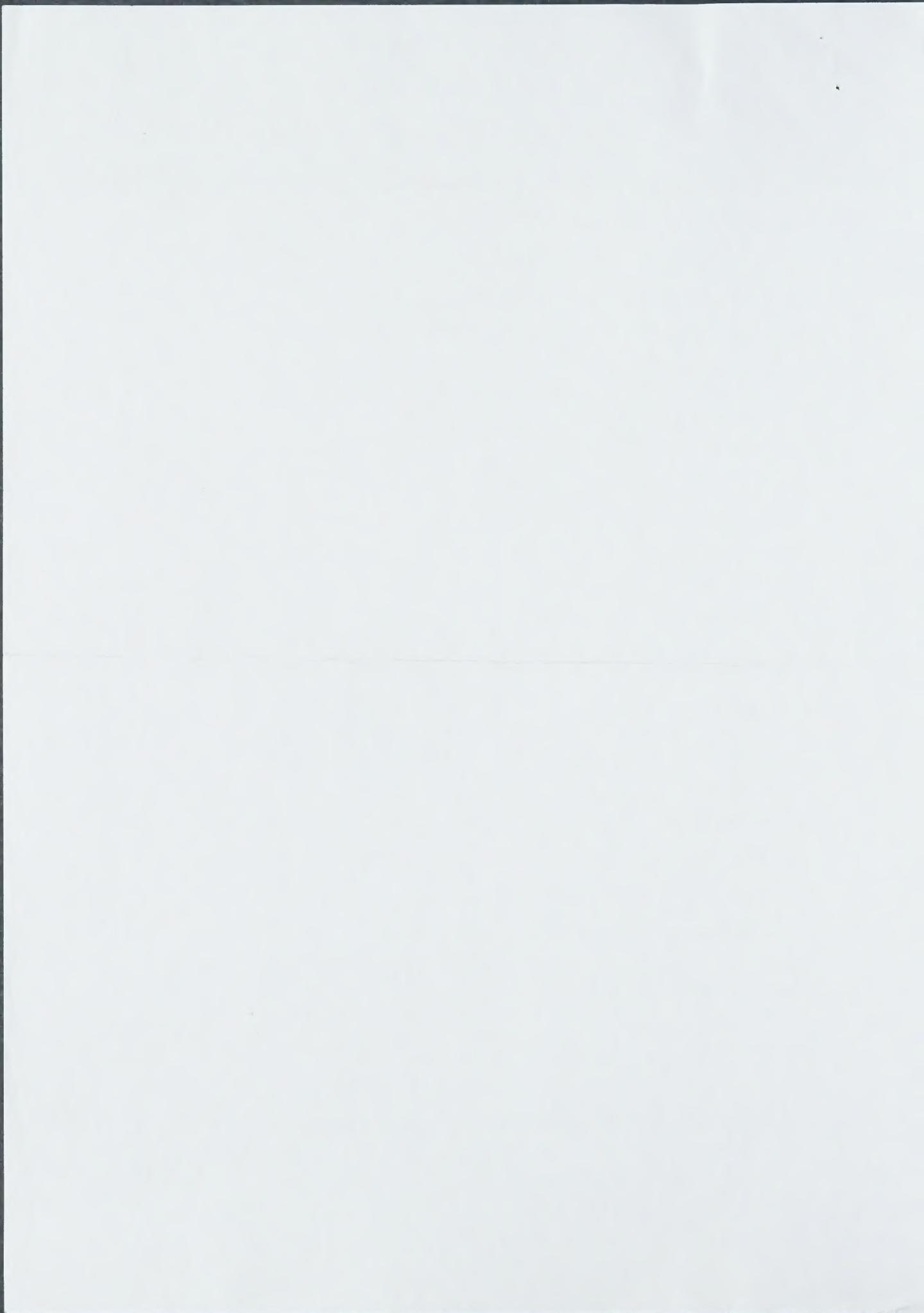
25,5 % petrolej /do 300°/

24,5 % plyn.olej /300 - 350°/

50,0 % mazací olej /nad 350°/

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nejbližší sonda ze které se čerpá je asi 100m daleko a je označena jako Hodonín LXV.

*Copy to Walter  
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March 17, 1997.

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you for your letter from Feb.21 and the information enclosed. The idea on the presence of fullerenes in samples of petroleum withdrawn in Hodonín area is very interesting.

Now, I have pleasure to inform you that a sample of this petroleum has been tracked down. A colleague of mine, Doc. S.Hála, a pensioner, who had worked in the former department of Prof. Landa, looked for the samples among old things and he was quite successful: he found a sample of petroleum from pumped out drill hole quite close to Hodonín (ca. 2 km). A certificate of the properties of this sample "Morava 26", as determined in 1959, is enclosed (characteristics + properties: hole Helvet, depth 415 m by pump; density, viscosity, two points of inflammation, paraffin content, congeal point, refractive index, mol. weight, neutralization number, elemental composition, distillation curve, fractions; note: the nearest "active" drill hole was (in 1967) 100 m far and has been named Hodonín LXV).

*For a potential investigation, there is ca. 0.5 liter of this sample at disposal.*

Best wishes.

Oldřich Paleta

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## FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

**Dr. Alfred Bader**  
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Telephone 414 962 5169  
**FAX 414 962 8322**

April 22, 1994

TO: Professor Rudolf Zahradnik, President  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
422 265 205

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

Thank you so much for your fax of today.

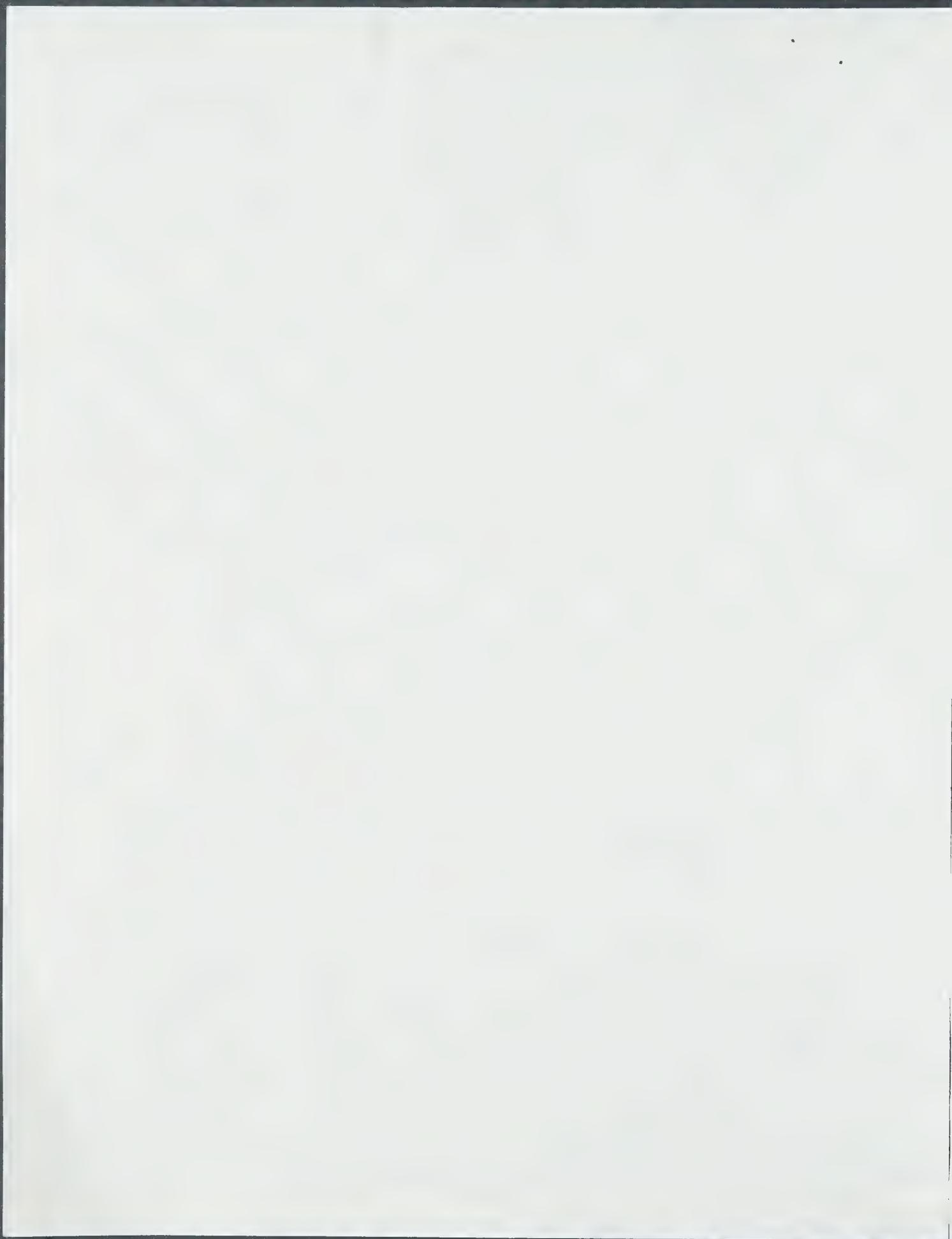
The fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania is for a student working towards his Ph.D., with funding assured for the first three years. This is similar to the fellowships established by us at Columbia University, Imperial College and Harvard University. We have not yet established any funding for postdocs.

I do not believe that it would yet be appropriate to discuss more specifically the possibility of establishing a chair at Charles University. As you perhaps know, I have discussed this in some detail with the staff of the Foundation for a Civil Society who I am convinced really has the best of the Czech Republic at heart. They have pointed out, I am sure correctly, that we must first find out at which Czech university such a chair would be most helpful. I am not looking for an ego trip to establish a chair at the best-known Czech university, but it may well be that a chair, say, in Brno, or at one of the other universities would really help more.

Also, you have not answered my question of some months ago as to how you can assure that a really first-class chemist would get this chair. Most important, we do not want to establish a chair which will simply take over an already existing professorship. We really want to make a difference and establish a chair which would truly be an "add-on".

Please let me discuss all this with you during our visit to Prague in June, and after that I hope you will understand more clearly what we would like to do.

We never imagined what difficulties we would encounter in trying to help Czechs simply because we so grossly underestimated the inexperience of the Czech academic establishment. Under separate cover, I am sending you the difficulties with that very simple 100,000 Czech crown prize for a good chemist. Just look at the bureaucratic rigmarole involved. Of course, I am glad that it has now been established, but please note my comments about the difficulties expressed in my letter to Ms. Hannah Evans.



Professor R. Zahradnik

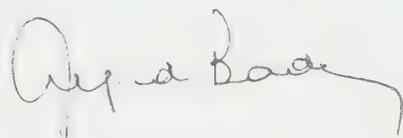
April 22, 1994

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I am so glad that you met Dr. Eva Kushner. She is obviously a great human being whose heart is in the Czech Republic.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arvid Kober". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.



# ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

PRESIDENT Via Fax: 001-414-962-8322

Dr. Alfred Bader  
2961 North Shepard Avenue  
Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin 53211  
U.S.A.

Prague, August 4, 1994

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you very much for your kind reply to my letter of June 30th.

I am glad to hear you regard the American Czech-Slovak Education Fund worth to cooperate with in a near or more distant future. Your rating of ACSEF is excellent since you parallel their work with that of the Foundation for a Civil Society. Certainly, ACSEF has a narrower focus than the Foundation, but precisely because of that it is more experienced as concerns the needs of academics and higher education.

I think I can understand how difficult and time-consuming it is to find a reasonable way to help Czech chemists and art historians. Please, let me assure you that I do not wish to press you in any way. The reason for this prompt response to your letter is that I have just returned to my office for one week to divide my holiday into two halves.

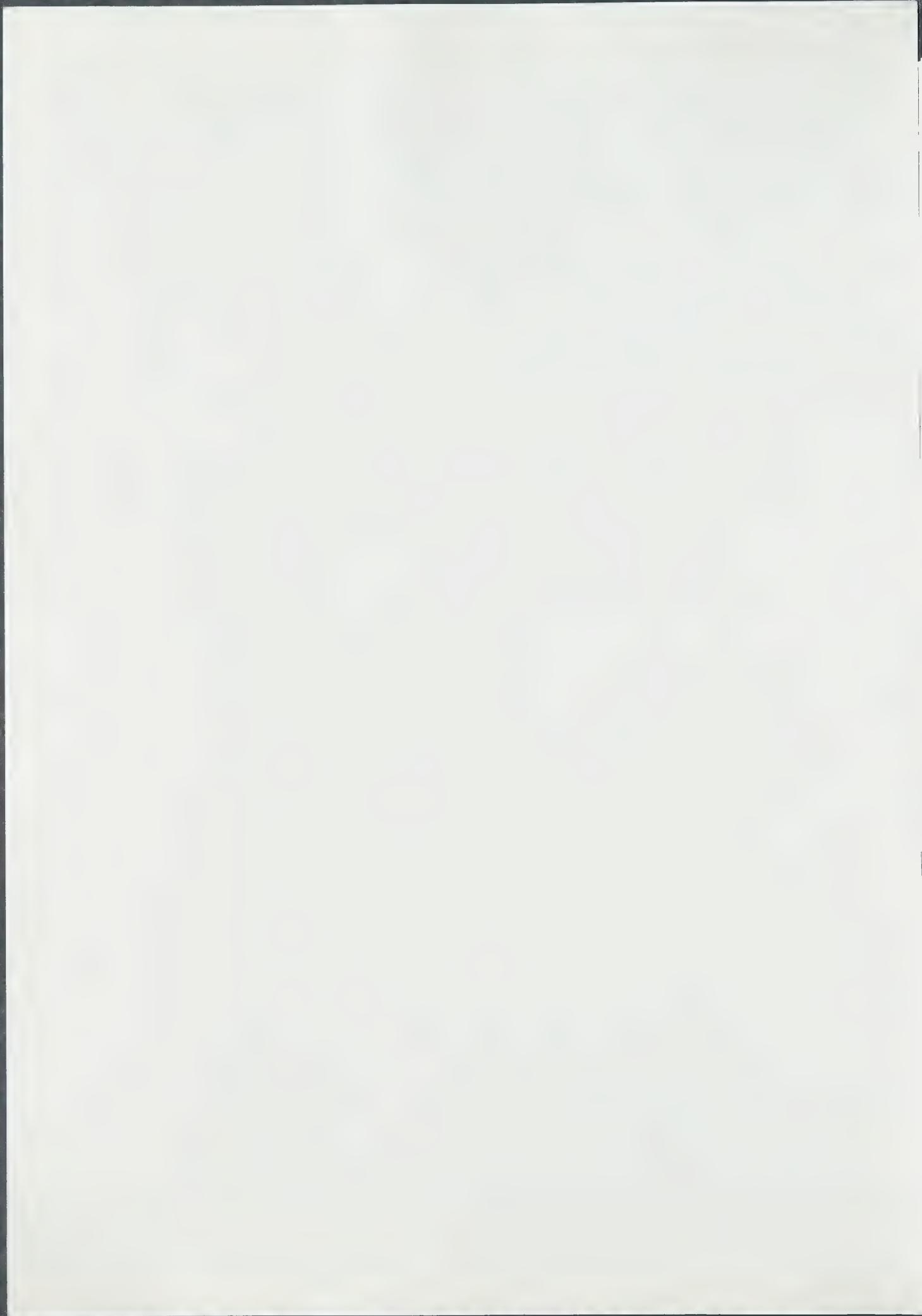
With my best regards to Mrs. Bader and to you.

Sincerely yours,



Prof. Dr. Rudolf Zahradník

cc: Mrs. Irina Rybáček,  
ACSEF Associate Director





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

May 19, 1997

Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradník  
President  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
Narodni Tr. 3  
111 42 Prague  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Zahradník:

Isabel and I much look forward to being with you at 11:00 am on Monday morning, June 23rd.

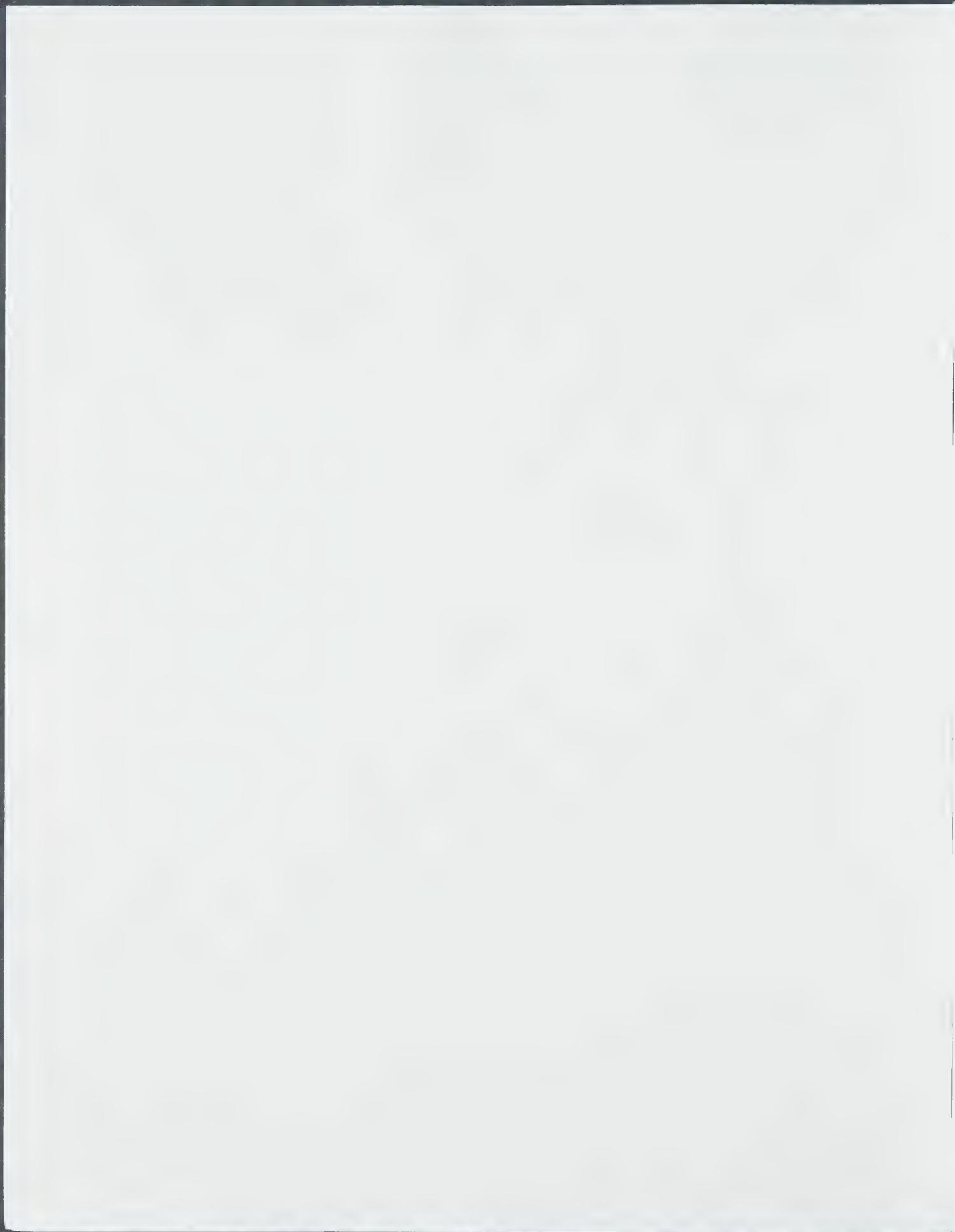
There are a number of questions we would like to discuss with you, the most important of which is whether Czech tax law has now changed. We would like to make a major gift to a Czech university, specifically to establish a chair. In the past, income from such a gift was taxable in the Czech Republic. Looking at this from our point of view, that is absurd because we want to help Czech universities and not have some of the gift diverted.

Has that law now changed, and is income from such gifts now tax-free?

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw





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March 14, 1996

Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik  
President  
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111 42 Prague  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

I am deeply disappointed by your letter of March 4th indicating that you have given up on your efforts for a postage stamp honoring Josef Loschmidt.

The fact is that Loschmidt was a Bohemian and one of the greatest physicists and chemists of the 19th century.

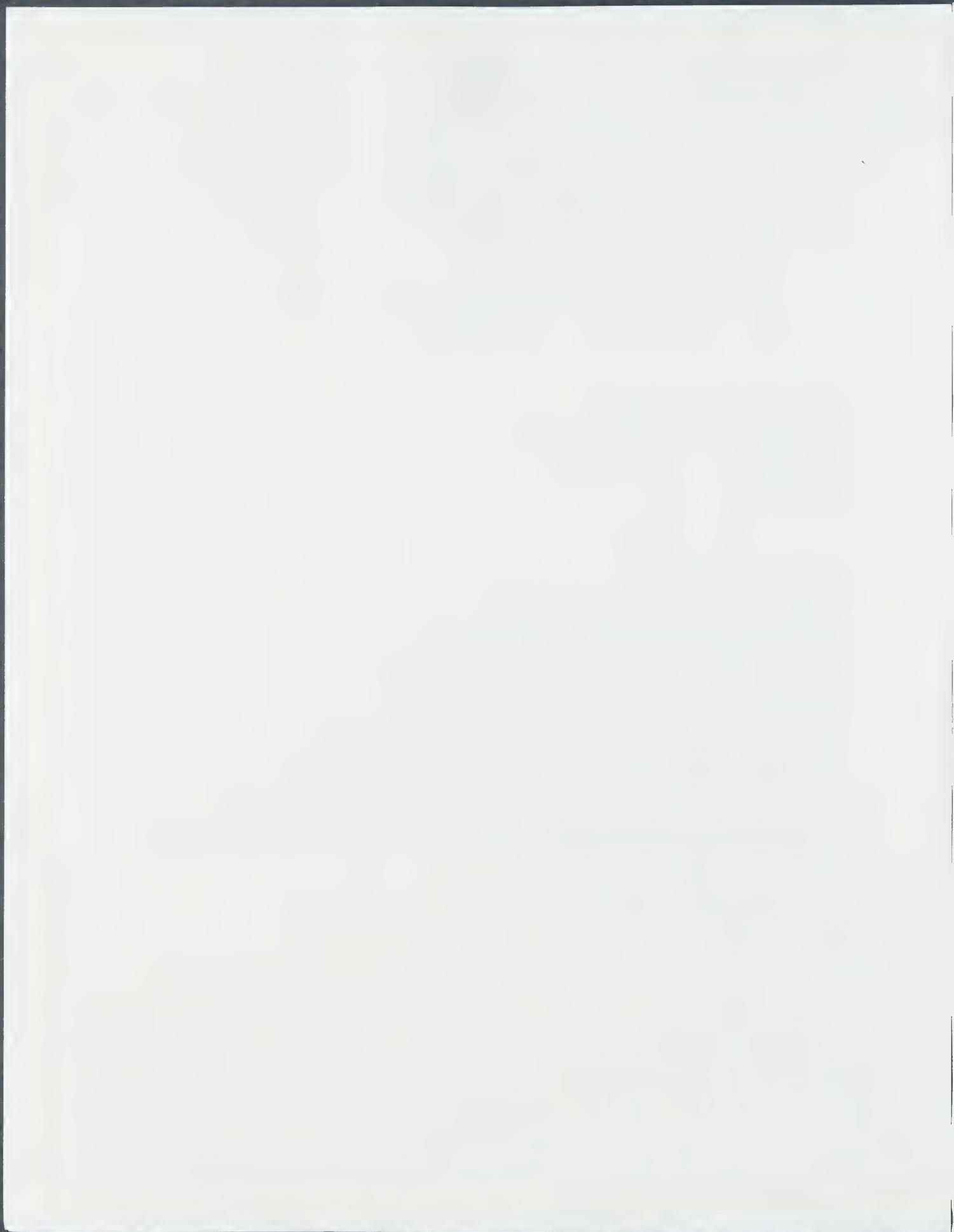
I have no love for the Sudeten Germans. I just want to argue against their claim that Loschmidt was a Sudeten German. Such didn't exist during Loschmidt's lifetime.

Isabel and I are sorry that we will miss you during our stay in Prague during the first week in June. But perhaps we will be able to persuade you to visit us in Milwaukee and then also to meet again during our next visit to Prague.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

February 13, 1996

Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik  
President  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
Narodni Tr. 3  
111 42 Prague  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

Isabel and I much look forward to being back in Prague, probably during the week of June 3rd. Of course, we very much hope to have a chance to visit with you.

May I remind you of your promise to do your very best to persuade the Czech postal authorities to issue a stamp honoring Josef Loschmidt in 1996? Of course, I know you will do your best and hope that you will be successful.

I was thinking about that when reading the article in the February 9th issue of *The New York Times*, which you will almost certainly have seen and of which I enclose a copy.

Of course, Sudeten Deutsche were treated harshly, and there probably were some atrocities against the Sudeten Deutsche. But what happened in 1945 cannot possibly with the atrocities committed by the Germans against the Czechs, and what I miss in *The New York Times* article are references to Lidice and Teresin (where my mother died).

Now the Sudeten Deutsche in Germany claim Loschmidt as Sudeten Deutscher, which of course is not correct. Loschmidt was a Bohemian who spoke as a boy both German and Czech, and it is clear from his library that he enjoyed and appreciated many Czech books. But of course teaching in Vienna, his main language was German. My grandmother was born in Prague and again spoke mainly German. So what?

Czechs have no difficulties considering Kafka a Czech, even though again surely he was brought up speaking German.

Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik  
February 13, 1996  
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A postage stamp honoring Loschmidt would be so fitting: He was a Bohemian and one of the greatest chemists and physicists of his time.

I have written to Professor Paleta to enquire whether any of my lectures might be welcome, and I enclose a copy of the menu of these.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

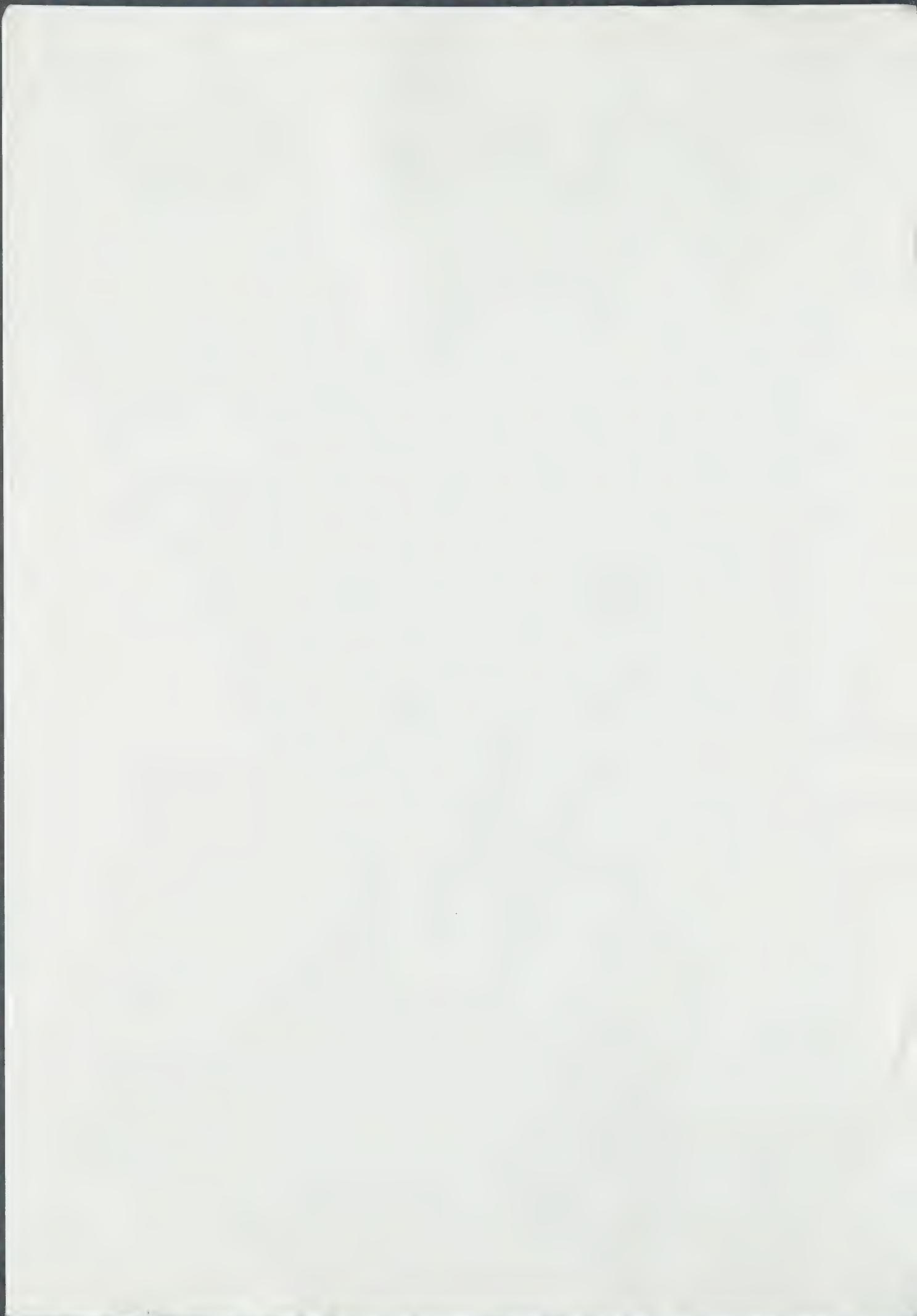
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bc: Dr. Robert Rosner  
Ing. Vladimir Matous

# ACADEMY OF SURGEONS THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 1934

[The following text is extremely faint and illegible due to the quality of the scan. It appears to be the table of contents or a list of proceedings from the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, 1934. The text is organized into several columns, likely representing different sessions or topics discussed during the conference.]



Dr. Alfred Bader  
2961 North Shepard Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

July 25, 1994

Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik, President  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
Narodni Tr. 3  
111 42 Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

As you know, Isabel and I were in Europe and England until a short time ago; hence, my slow response to your letter of June 30th.

We very much enjoyed our visit with you and want to thank you most sincerely for the Purkyne Medal and your kind hospitality.

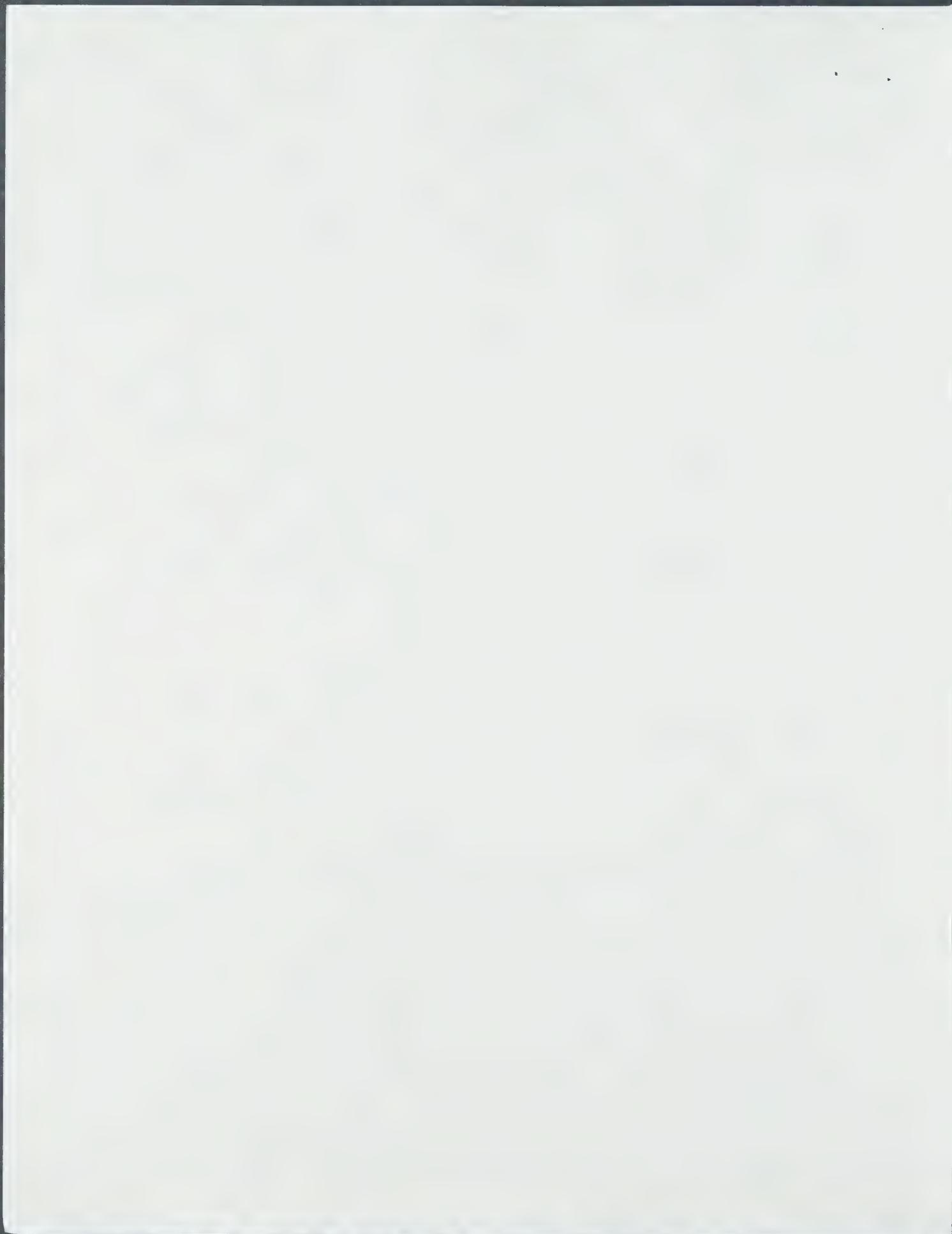
I have had a very interesting letter from Mrs. Vivian T. Abbott who happens to be the neighbor of one of my best friends who lives in Princeton. She told me a good deal about the American Czech-Slovak Education Fund whose work appears to parallel that of the Foundation for a Civil Society. I have been so satisfied with the help I have received from that foundation that I am not inclined to change.

On the other hand, the Foundation for a Civil Society is not very large, and it was established specifically to help the Czech Republic during its difficult initial days of freedom. It may well be that the Foundation for a Civil Society will not continue, and then it will be very good to have another venue to help Czech students.

Isabel and I have been thinking very hard how best to continue to help Czech chemists and art historians, and I hope to have a definite and substantial proposal before long.

I very much appreciate your efforts for a stamp honoring Josef Loschmidt, and I hope that it will materialize in 1996.

Sincerely,



ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
PRESIDENT

Via Fax: 001-414-962-8322

Dr. A. Bader  
2961 North Shepard Avenue  
Milwaukee,  
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Prague, June 30, 1994

Dear Dr. Bader:

at first, let me thank you very much for a nice afternoon you and your wife Isabel prepared for me at Wednesday, June 15, just one day after the Assembly of the Academy had finished. Really, it has been a "leisure time" consisting of your interesting and provoking "Loschmidt Lecture", afternoon talk with you and your wife and the accompanying meeting with your friends and co-workers.

Yesterday, I enjoyed very much a similar encouraging event which helped me to overcome some unpleasant events of the last week. I have been talking to Prof. Joseph John Kohn (Chairman of the Mathematics Department at Princeton University) accompanied by charming lady person Mrs. Irina Rybáček (she has returned to Prague with her family after 25 years in the United States.) Both of them are the organizers and leading persons of the American Czech-and-Slovak Education Fund (of which the honorary patron is Václav Havel). However, I should not forget the third person I met a week ago, the very able and enthusiastic Executive Director Ms. Vivian T. Abbott. I have a very strong feeling that all of them have such an understanding, spiritual energy and experience in financial matters with the program of help to higher education in the Czech Republic that I can warmly recommend them to assist you with the idea of "Friends of Czech Universities and the Czech Academy of Sciences".

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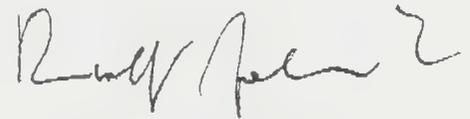
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The same day I have talked to the Director of the Post Office Department of the Ministry of Economy (Ing. E. Prandstetter) and refused to accept "the occasional postmark rubber stamp" or similar substitutes. I have been assured by him, that during November 1994 we should submit new proposal for the postage stamp to the 175th anniversary of Prof. Josef Loschmidt's birth (it will be in March 1996). I have been assured that the approval committee will work with full responsibility and that in the positive case the stamp "will be nice".

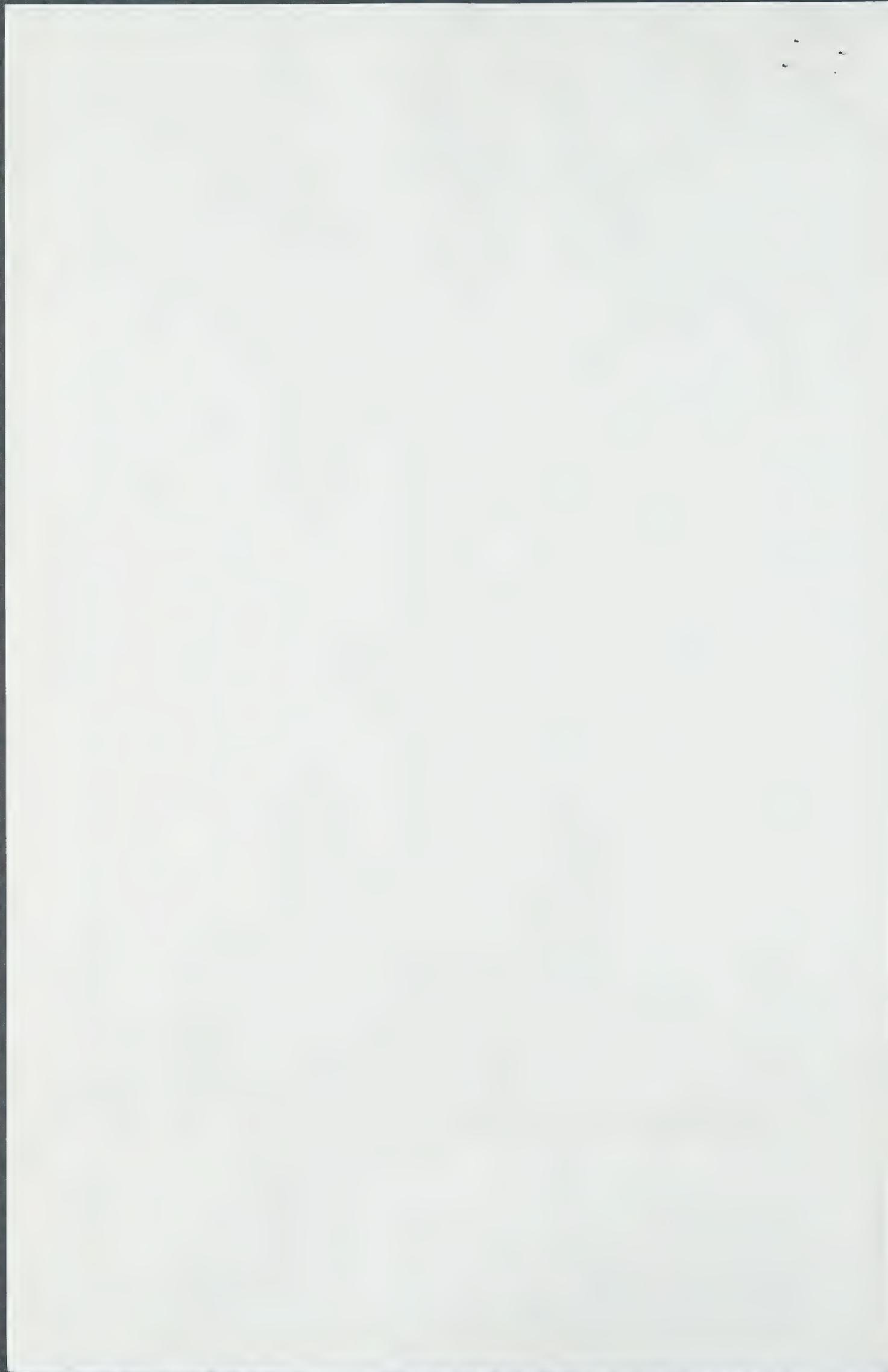
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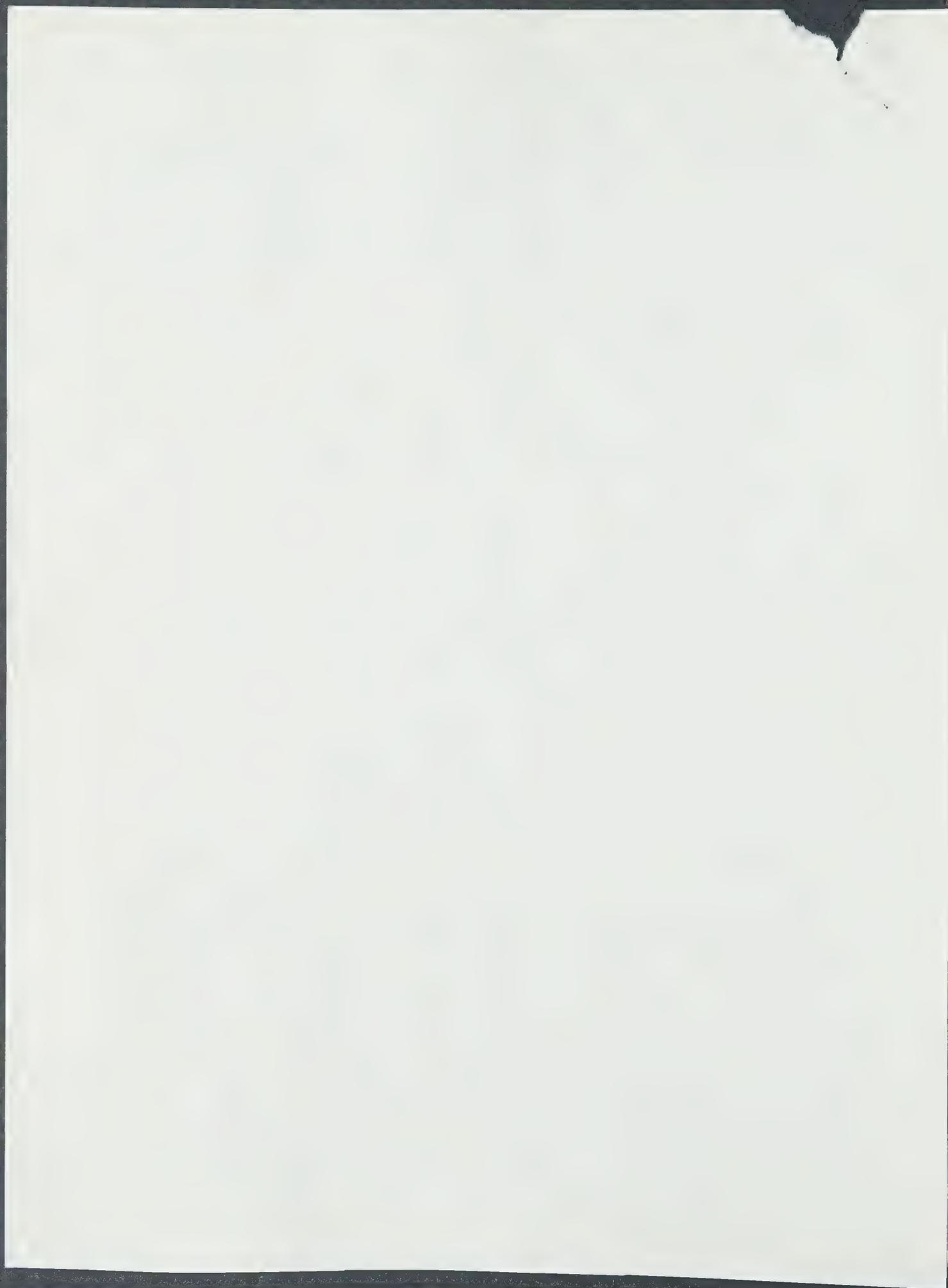
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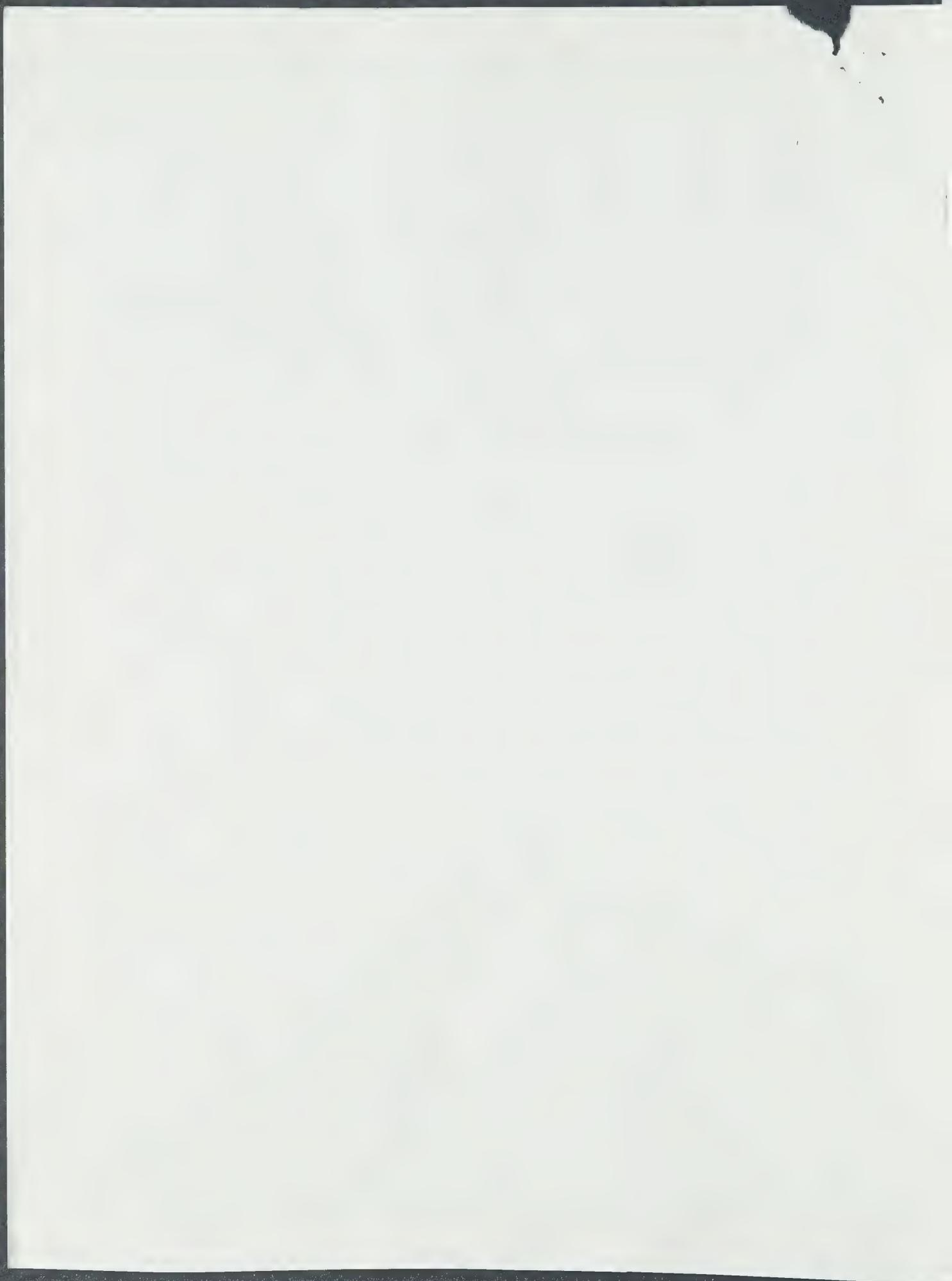
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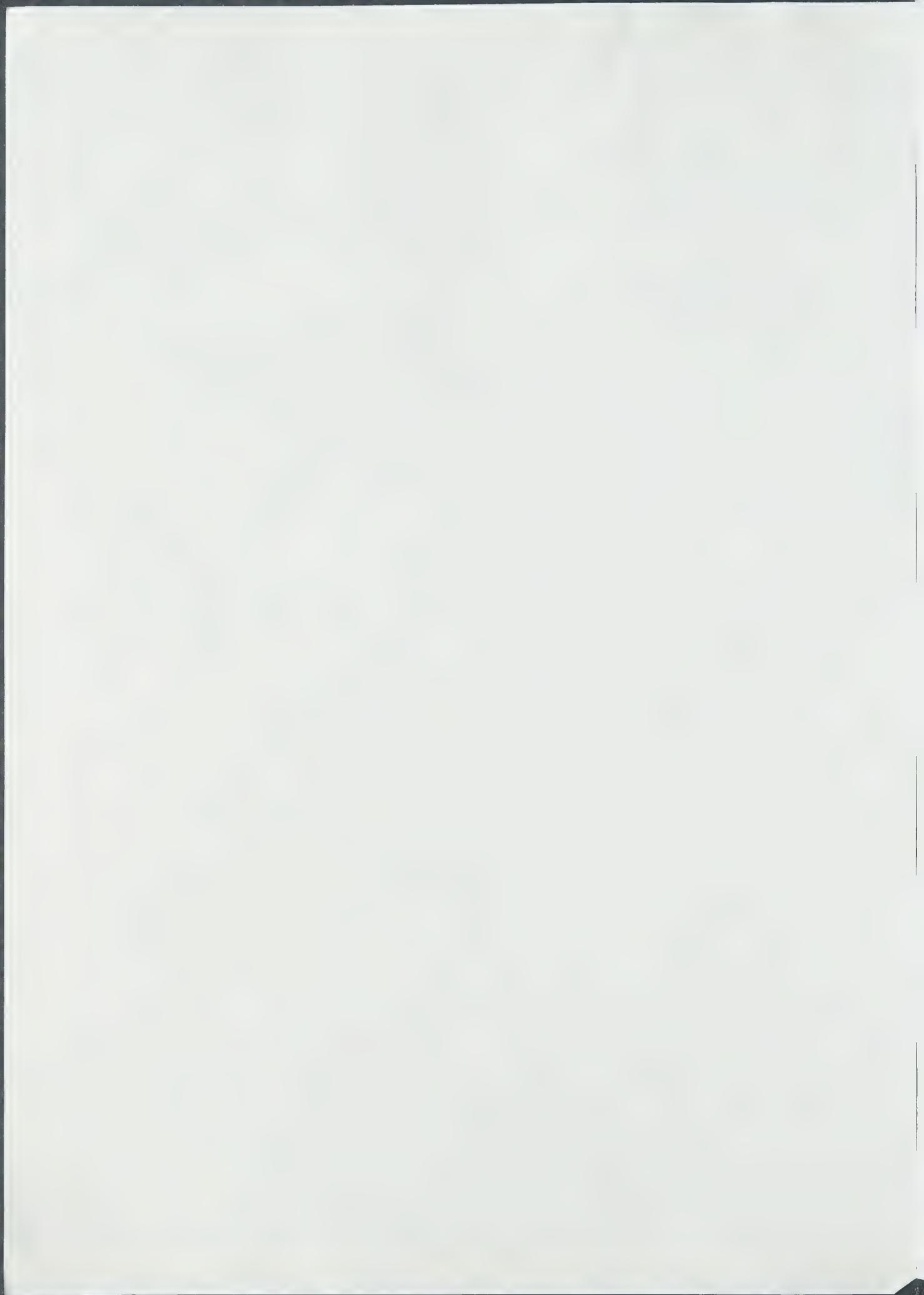
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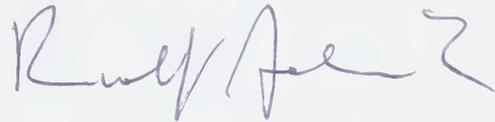
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Prof. Dr. Rudolf Zahradník



# ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC PRESIDENT

Dr. A. Walter  
1381 North Chestnut Avenue  
Wilmington  
Mississippi 39201  
USA

Via Fax: 001-414-903-6262

Prague, May 27, 1994

Dear Dr. Walter:

Thank you very much for your last letter and information about Dr. Walter V. Cicha. I will certainly take part in your lecture at Charles University.

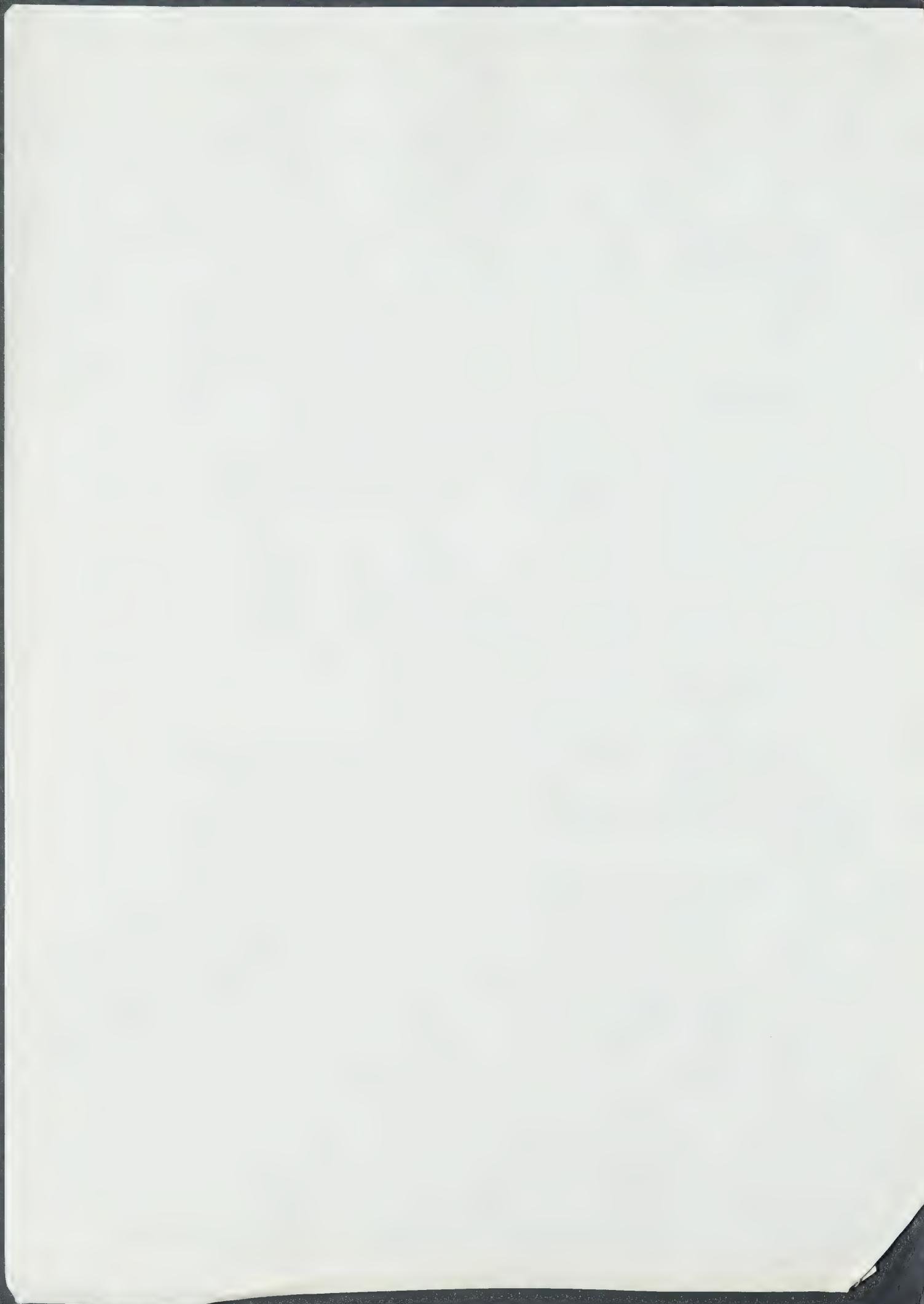
Moreover, let me inform you that we organize a gathering of a group of your friends and people involved with you and you will be at the period just two hours before the beginning of your lecture (it means on Wednesday, June 15 at 12 o'clock) at my office. It will be my great pleasure to award you the J.C. Muzikova (J. C. Muzikova) Medal at that occasion.

I fully agree with you that it would be a good idea to encourage Dr. Walter V. Cicha to come to Prague one day earlier. I am sending him a fax to ask him to join us also at Narodni 2. Then it would be a good matter for him to get to the lecture hall at 11:30.

Sincerely yours

Prof. Dr. Radoslav Zbrodnyk

Dr. Walter V. Cicha



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Via Fax 001 414 962 8322

Dr Alfred Bader  
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April 22, 1994

Dear Dr Bader

Cordial thanks for your Fax of April 1

Dr.Petr CHOUR seems to be a really qualified candidate for a one-year postdoc position for Pennsylvania. His CV and other features are enclosed.

It was, indeed, a real pleasure to meet and discuss with Prof Iva Kushner. I like productive meetings like that

Dear Dr.Bader, do you think that it would be appropriate to discuss now more specifically the possibility of establishing the Chair of Physical Organic Chemistry (established by Alfred and Isabel Bader) with the Faculty Dean (Prof P.Čepák) and with the recently elected Rector (President) of Charles University (Prof K. Tužil)?

Enclosed is also the copy of the announcement of 'Alfred Bader Award' in organic and bioorganic chemistry which has appeared in the Bulletin of Czech Chemical Society recently

Looking forward to meeting you and Mrs Bader soon

Cordially yours,



Enclosure

Primary interest of Dr.Petr CHOUR.

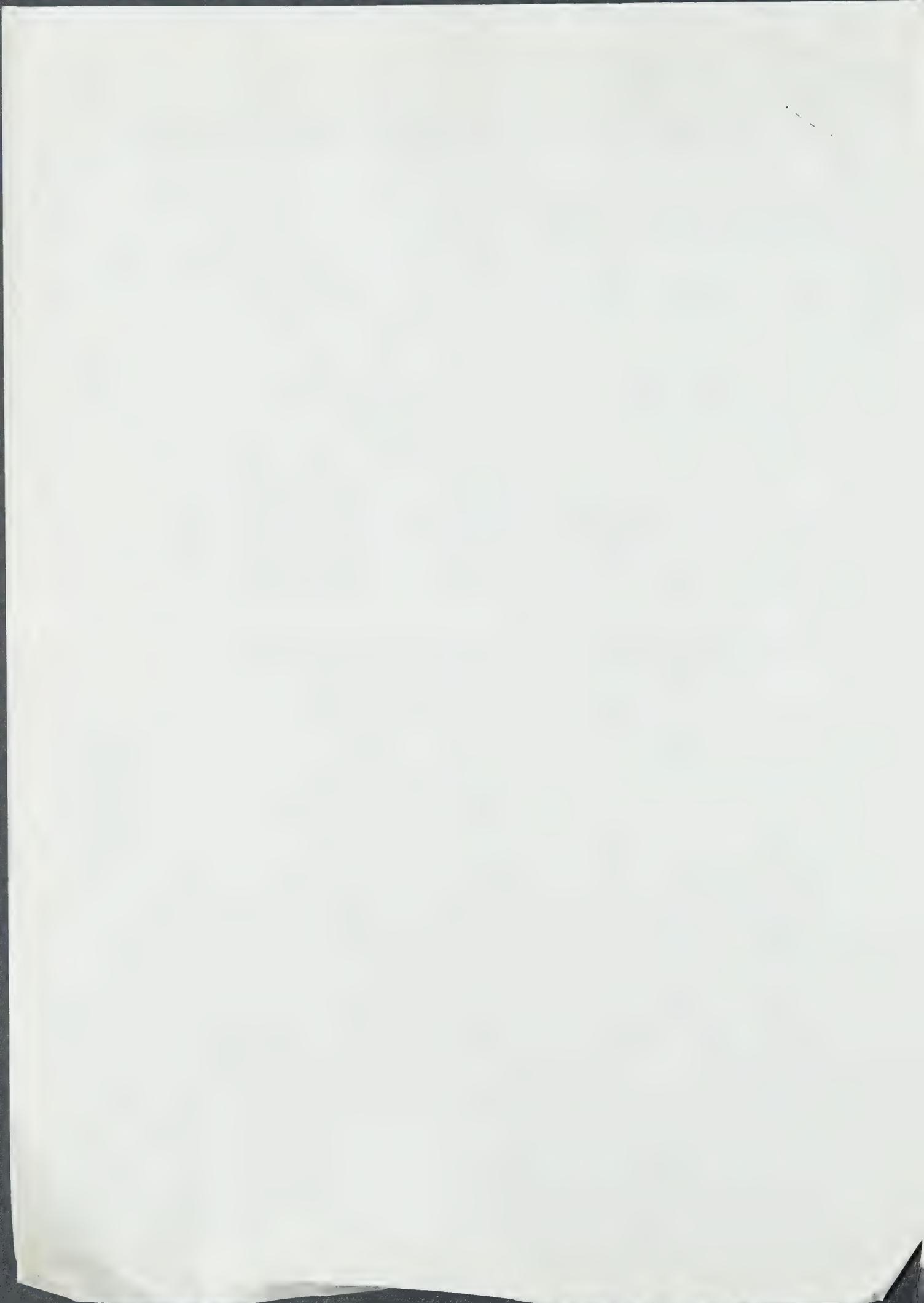
Theoretical and experimental studies of organic molecules  
-ab initio calculations of molecular properties: UV CD IR  
Raman, ROA, VCD, MCD spectra simulations, molecular dynamics,  
molecular vibrations, anharmonicities

-1984-1989 Charles University Faculty of Mathematics and  
Physics, (Master's degree in chemical physics)

-1989-1993 Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry  
Prague, PhD studies, graduated in 1993, Thesis: Computer  
simulations of vibrational circular dichroism of peptides

-1991-1992 one year PhD study on University of Illinois at  
Chicago, teaching and research assistantships

-currently research scientist in Inst.Org.Chem.Biochem Prague



## Nové zřízené ocenění České společnosti chemické „Cena Alfrede Badera“

Pavel Drašar, Oldřich Paleta

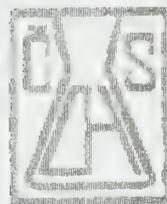
V letošním roce bude po prvé udělována českým chemikům cena za významný přínos i rozvoji organické a bioorganické chemie. Udělení ceny je omezeno věkem 35 let, který není překročen do uzavěrky přihlášek (v letošním roce to je 15. červenec).

Uchazeči o cenu se mohou přihlásit v sekretariátu Společnosti jednak samy, jednak návrh mohou podat za organického či bioorganického chemika kolegové, instituce, školy, vědecké rady či akademické senáty atd. Lze očekávat, že hlavními podklady uchazečů budou separáty publikovaných prací, případně kopie rukopisů přijatých k otištění. Dalším důležitým podkladem je autorův komentář k dosaženým výsledkům v rozsahu 3–6 běžných strojopisných stran; kromě toho komise bude analyzována vedením Společnosti. Každý uchazeč musí předložit doporučení, vypracované nezávislými odborníky. Cena bude udělována písemným jednacími. Ujistě si mnozí z nás položí otázku, odkud pocházejí prostředky na Cenu v období nelenké finanční situace naší Společnosti a v čem jsou záruky, že Cena bude udělována i v příštích letech, případně trvale. Naše vděčnost a úcta náležejí Dr. Alfredu Baderovi (a jeho zence Isabel), který nabídl zřízení ceny pro mladé české chemiky s celou finanční zárukou. Děkujeme mu, že

Cena je dotována částkou 100 000 Kč.

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bude vhodným výrazem naší vděčnosti pojmenovat cenu jménem sponzora. Dr. Bader, osobní přítel řady českých chemiků, je zakladatelem světověznámé firmy ALDRICH a naší cenu financuje z vynosu svých majetkových podílů. Kořeny Dr. Badera sahají na jižní Moravu, odkud pocházejí jeho rodiče. Svou přízeň věnoval naší chemii mj. již zůvinného režimu. tím, že i finančně zabezpečil několik stálých stipendijních míst pro české chemické doktorandy na předních světových universitách. Můžeme se těšit z hlubokého zájmu Dr. Badera o rozvoj české chemie a z jeho důvěry ve vynikající úroveň mladých chemiků, vyjadřených tak velkomyšlnou podporou. Může nás těšit i jeho přesvědčení, že česká organická a bioorganická chemie bude i v budoucnu na lokce úrovni, že jí časloží udělování prestižní ceny.



# BULLETIN

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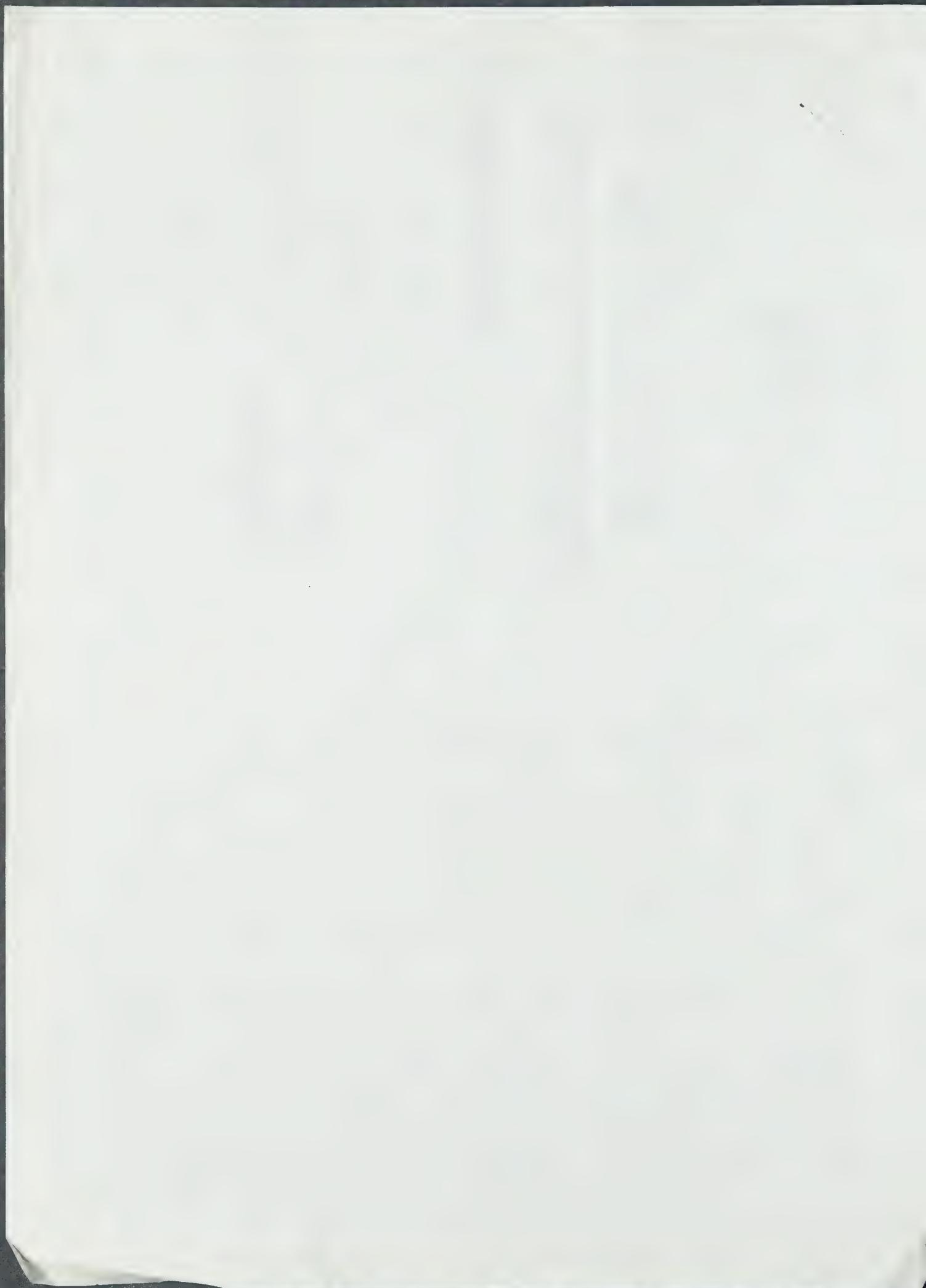
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March 29, 1996

TO: Dr. Ladislav Skursky  
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FAX: 42-05-41211214

Dear Professor Skursky:

May I ask you for your help in an unusual matter?

A very able pharmaceutical research institute in the United States, the Schering-Plough Research Institute, is looking for a compound, 4-amino-imidazolecarboxamide, Aldrich catalog no. 16496-8.

This is not manufactured, but purchased by Aldrich, and Schering-Plough requires quite substantial quantities, on the order of 100 kilos.

Their Director of Chemical Development, Dr. Martin Steinman, believes that it is made by Lachema in Brno. Unfortunately, my old friends at Lachema have retired, and I am wondering whether I could impose on you simply to transmit Dr. Steinman's letter to the sales manager at Lachema and ask him to contact Dr. Steinman directly. His fax number is 1-908-298-3294.

Of course, there is no need to reserve any commission for me; it would just give me such pleasure to bring a good customer to Brno.

Perhaps you could let me know when I visit Brno on June 3rd how this developed.

With many thanks for your help and all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

bc: ~~Dr. Martin Steinman~~



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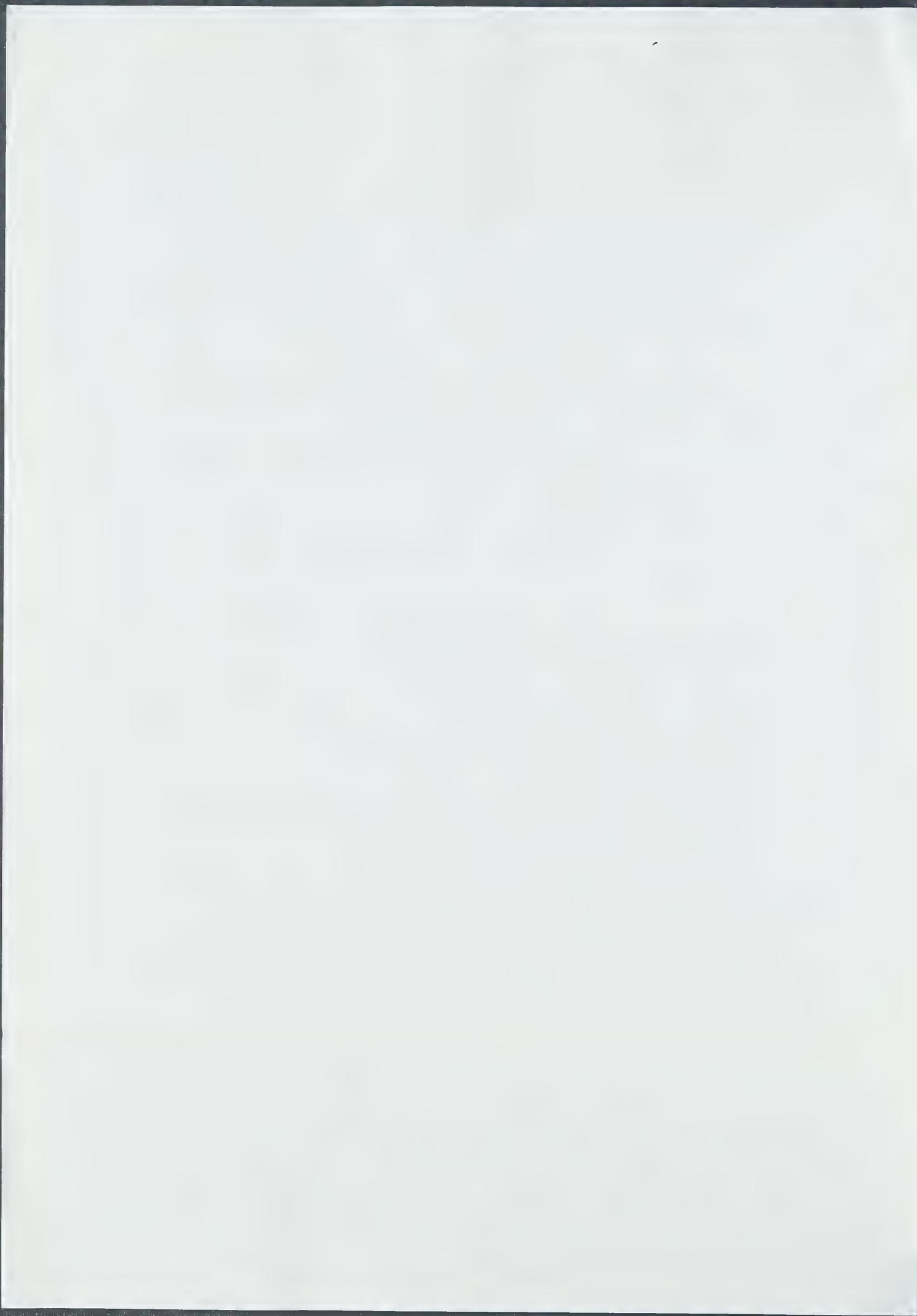
FAX 4141211-0202

Dear Dr. Sader  
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man manager of Zarkona Dr. FRISCH for  
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promise to respond to Dr. Saderman. And to me

Dear Dr. Sader to decide the state of  
your letter and request to  
in relation to your last letter (Outlining  
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wanted directly to understand the  
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I apologize to overload you with  
possibly too much correspondence

Yours very sincerely



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April 10, 1996

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TO: Dr. Ladislav Skursky  
Masaryk University International Office  
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Dear Professor Skursky:

In response to your fax of today, enclosed please find a brief abstract of my talk #3. If you need more information, please turn to Chapter 16 in my autobiography.

Please also mention that Loschmidt was born in Bohemia. While he worked in Vienna, when he wanted to relax, he went back to his home in Bohemia.

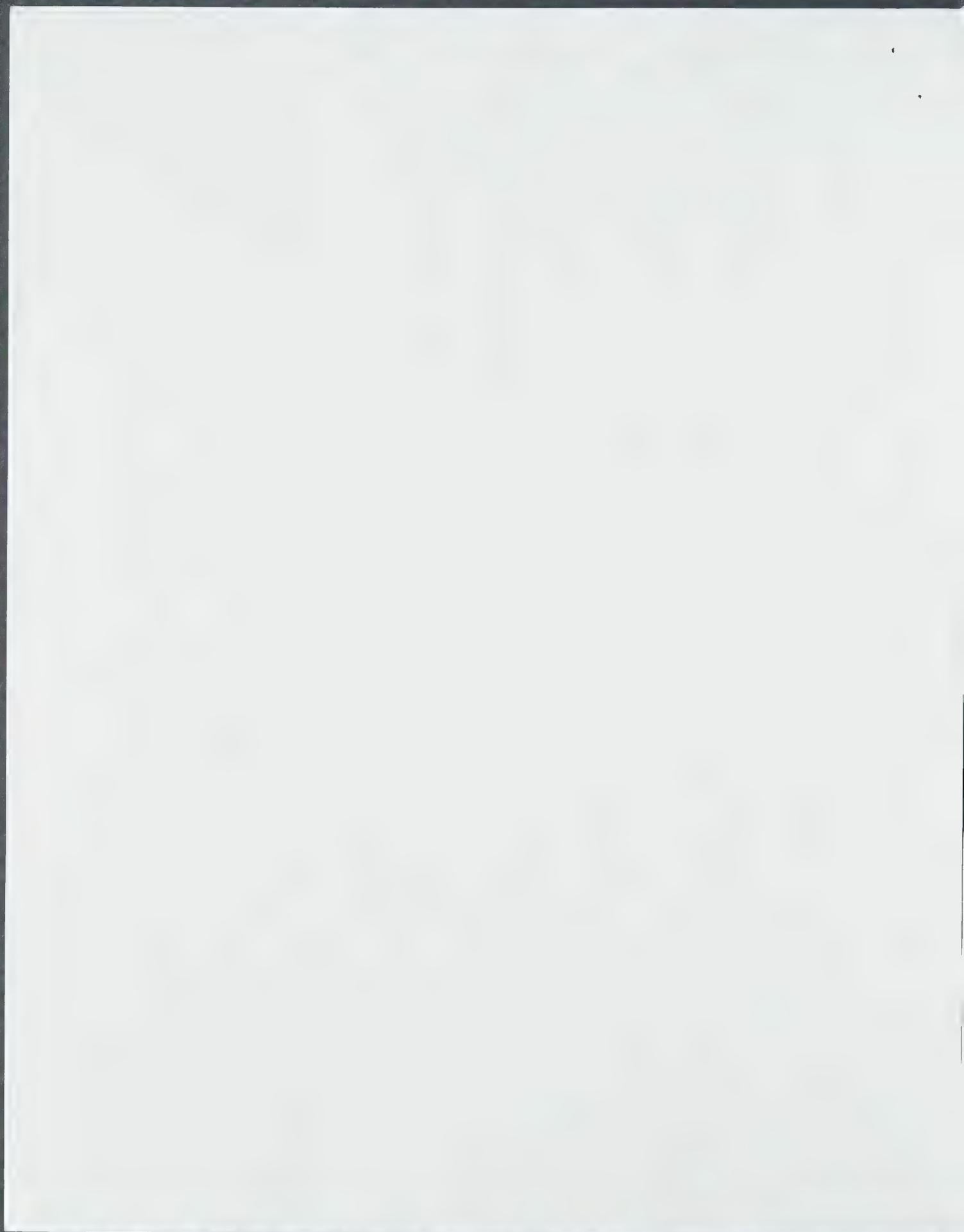
I do hope that Dr. Frybort will contact Dr. Steinman whether or not Lachema can supply that important building block.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



AB/cw



## RICHARD ANSCHÜTZ: BIOGRAPHER TURNED DETECTIVE

August von Kekulé was one of the most renowned chemists of the 19th century. His fame rested on his able experimental work and on two seminal papers. One, published by Kekulé in May 1858, showed that carbon is tetravalent and that carbon can be linked to carbon. The second, published in 1865, depicted benzene as a cyclohexatriene, an idea which twenty-five years later Kekulé claimed had come to him in a dream.

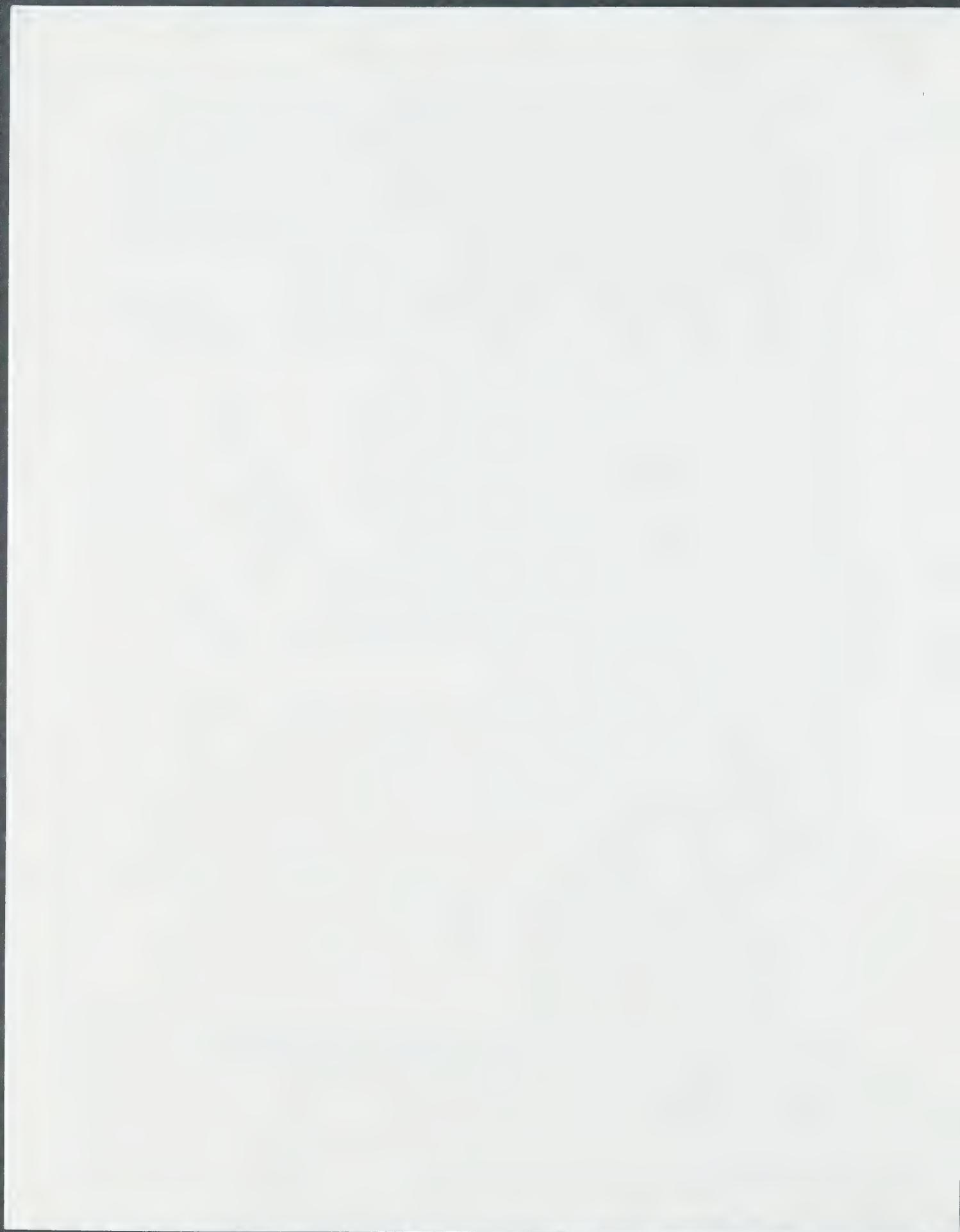
Richard Anschütz, a student of Kekulé who became his secretary and then his successor as professor of organic chemistry at Bonn University, published a detailed two-volume biography of Kekulé in 1929.

While at Bonn, Anschütz had repeated some of the work of a young Scot, Archibald Scott Couper, who had studied chemistry for less than two years. A little later, while researching Kekulé's life, Anschütz discovered that Couper had submitted a paper very similar to Kekulé's to the French Academy. Because his mentor, Auguste Wurtz, delayed submission, Couper's paper was published just one month after Kekulé's. Anschütz was astounded at Couper's clarity and described in detail Kekulé's sharp attack on Couper. Anschütz then worked immensely hard with an able Scot, Alexander Crum Brown, to describe Couper's life and work. A recently-discovered letter shows clearly that Couper believed that he had submitted his paper before Kekulé.

For the preparation of the Kekulé biography, Anschütz carefully studied every Kekulé paper. He was puzzled by a footnote in Kekulé's 1865 cyclohexatriene paper in which he said that he preferred his benzene structure to those of Loschmidt and Crum Brown. Anschütz knew of Loschmidt the physicist, but knew nothing of his chemical work. Finally he located a booklet published by Loschmidt in Vienna in 1861, in which Loschmidt depicted hundreds of structures, many of them correctly. In that very year, Kekulé had stated in his well-known textbook that:

*"... the rational formulae are only formulae of reactions ('Umsetzungsformeln') and not formulae of constitution ('Constitutionsformeln'), and that they do not in any way describe the constitution, i.e., the position of the atoms in the compounds."*

Yet Loschmidt's book correctly depicted many, from simple structures like acetic acid and glycerine to aromatics like aniline, phenol, benzenesulfonic acid and benzidine and many heterocyclics such as cyanuric acid.



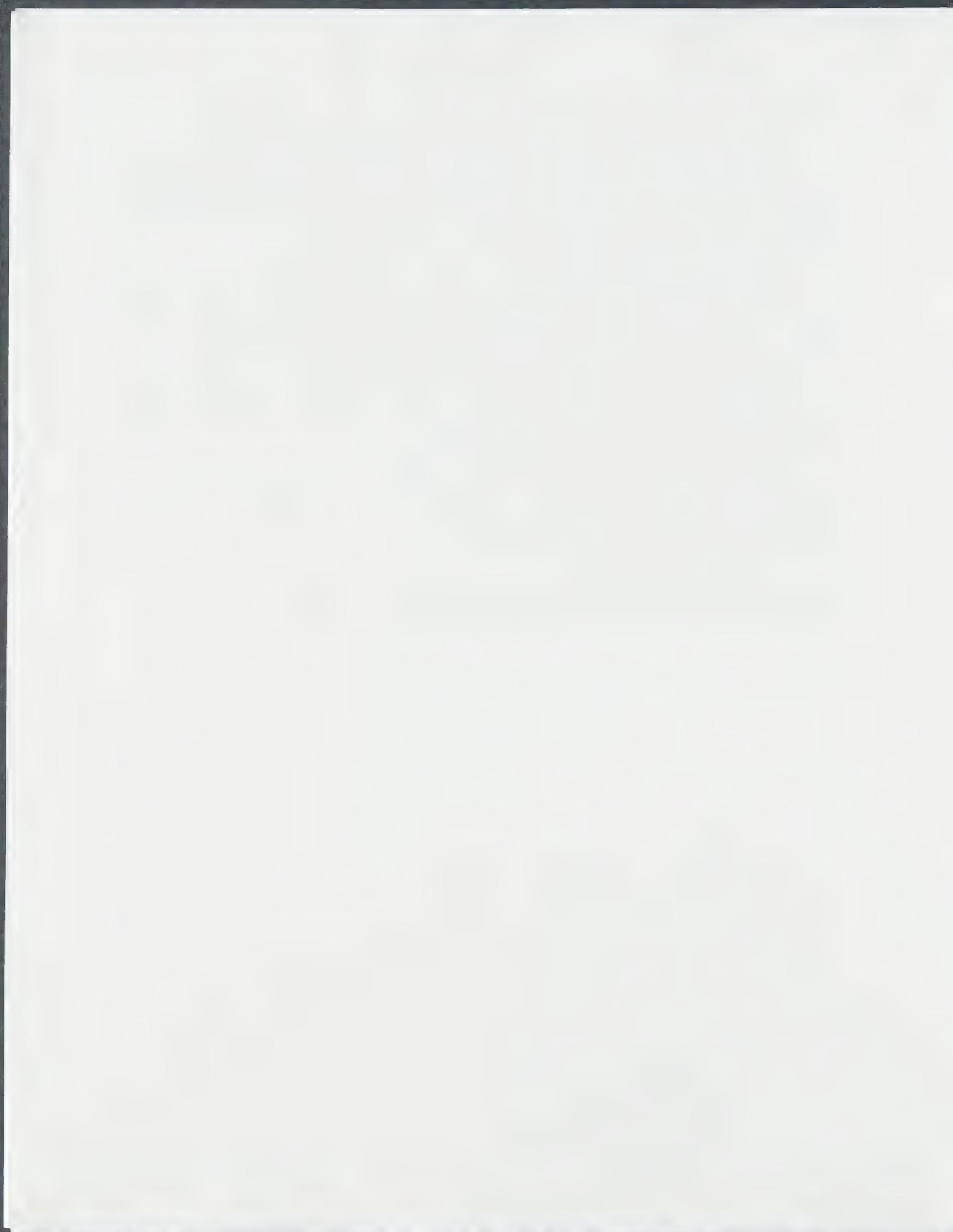
At first Anschütz believed that Kekulé had not seen Loschmidt's book. But then he found a letter from Kekulé to Erlenmeyer written in 1862 which referred to Loschmidt's "*Confusionsformeln*". No doubt Kekulé called them such because he was convinced at the time that one could not write such structures.

Until 1912, when Anschütz published a paper on Loschmidt, there were but three references to Loschmidt's book - two disparaging footnotes in Kekulé's paper and one brief abstract. Not a single Austrian chemist ever mentioned Loschmidt's work in the 19th century!

Anschütz then made a remarkable effort: He reformatted Loschmidt's *Chemische Studien*, a rare and hard-to-read book, and republished it in 1913 with many footnotes explaining Loschmidt's ingenuity and adding a Loschmidt biography.

I cannot help thinking that Anschütz's immense efforts with Couper and Loschmidt were acts of atonement for Kekulé's omissions. For without Anschütz, we would know little about Couper's and nothing about Loschmidt's chemistry.

A quotation from Churchill comes to mind: "*Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off, as if nothing had happened.*" Not Anschütz.



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Sept. 26, 1995

Dear Dr. Bauer

It was a pleasure to read your "a bit of help" you asked for Tomáš's address is

Am Vogelsang 3/004, D37075 Göttingen (how poetic)

The letter was forwarded to him. You understand that I did not restrain from reading it. I am pleased that this boy makes a pleasure to you: he does it to me too.

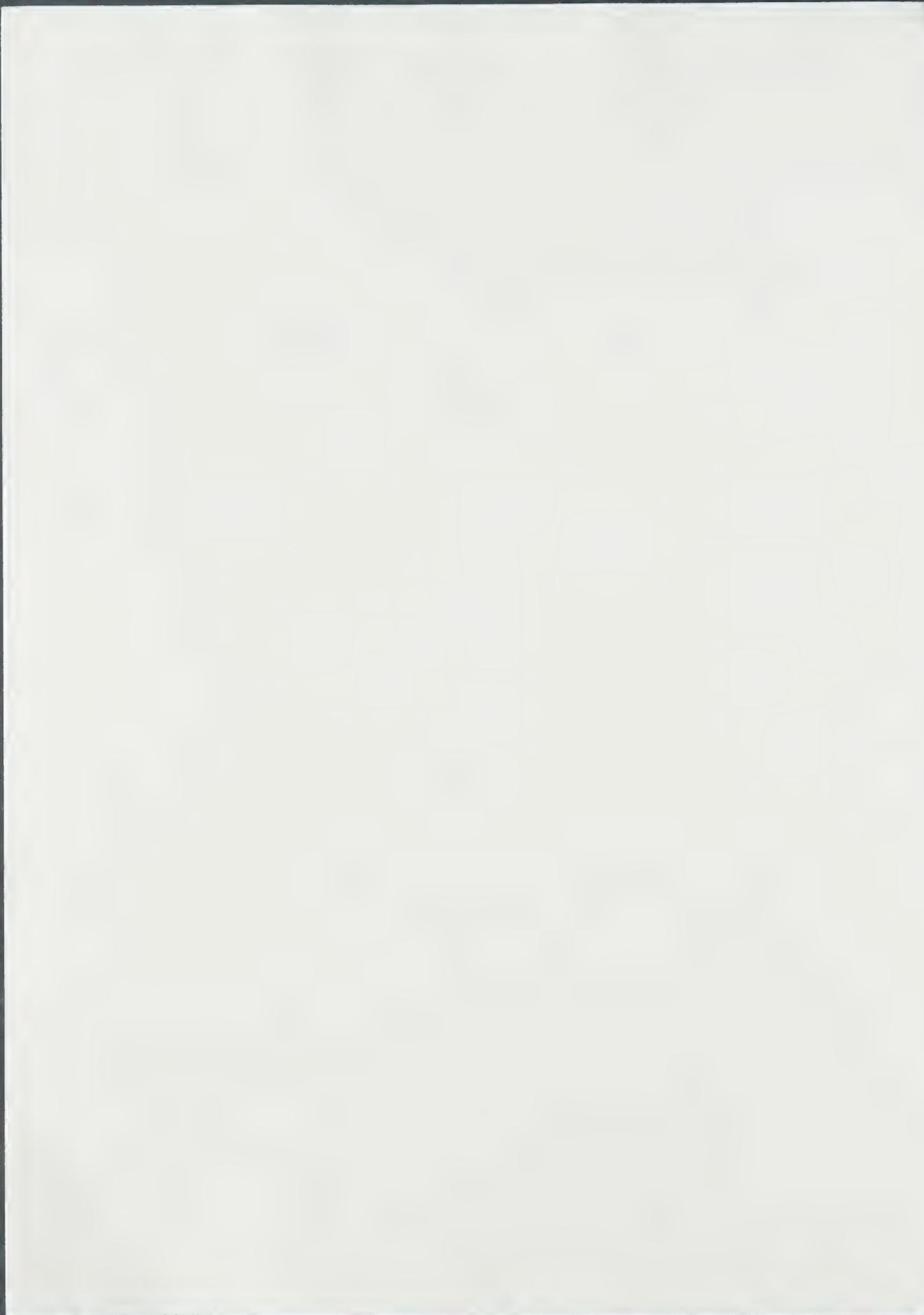
One point of your letter is the 'Schimmeng Puzzle'. His way of thinking is very interesting to me but I strongly oppose his conclusions (I have had read one of his articles you gave to Tomáš in Vienna and later his chapter in Wotzig's book.) In Vienna, at the end of the Monday session I entered (a bit unexpectedly - from the formal point of view) into his discussion with the radio reporter: I did not dream on that this might come to the air.

Due to the reporter's "mixing" my words in the radio broadcast appeared in a distorted context. Actually what I tried was to oppose one of the Sci's conventional theses that Loschmid's circle  $C_0$  did not mean a ring and that, consequently by it could not be considered as a  $C_0$ 's (conscious or not) inspiration. My opinion is that revolutionary ideas of science frequently were born not in precisely formulated terms but were created gradually.

For both Mrs Isabel and you I remain

Yours very sincerely

L. Skarsav



L. SKURBY

Feb. 7, 1946

Dear Dr Bader,  
Just late summer the local "University Newspaper" brought an article trying to inform the general university public about our visit. Due to serious obstacles we were not able to make an English manuscript. Recently, Hans Zureisorn (one of those who, thanks to you, attended the Loshmidt Symposium) prepared and typed the English version which is attached.

Besides that I had a longer article in the "Bulletin of the Czech Chem. Soc." which personally receives every member of the Society. The information in it is mainly devoted to the matters of the Symposium for chemists who did not participate.

Should you wish to have the English translation it would not be impossible to make. But, perhaps, at least one point of the article deserves to be mentioned: a suggestion for the Chem. Soc. to make some effort towards remodelling Loshmidt's commemorative plate on his house of birth at Karlový Vary which is very modest and tells only that he, "counted molecules".

So far, I am trying to initiate (through Dean Jones and Rector Schmidt) an cooperative effort with the Vienna University to accomplish this.

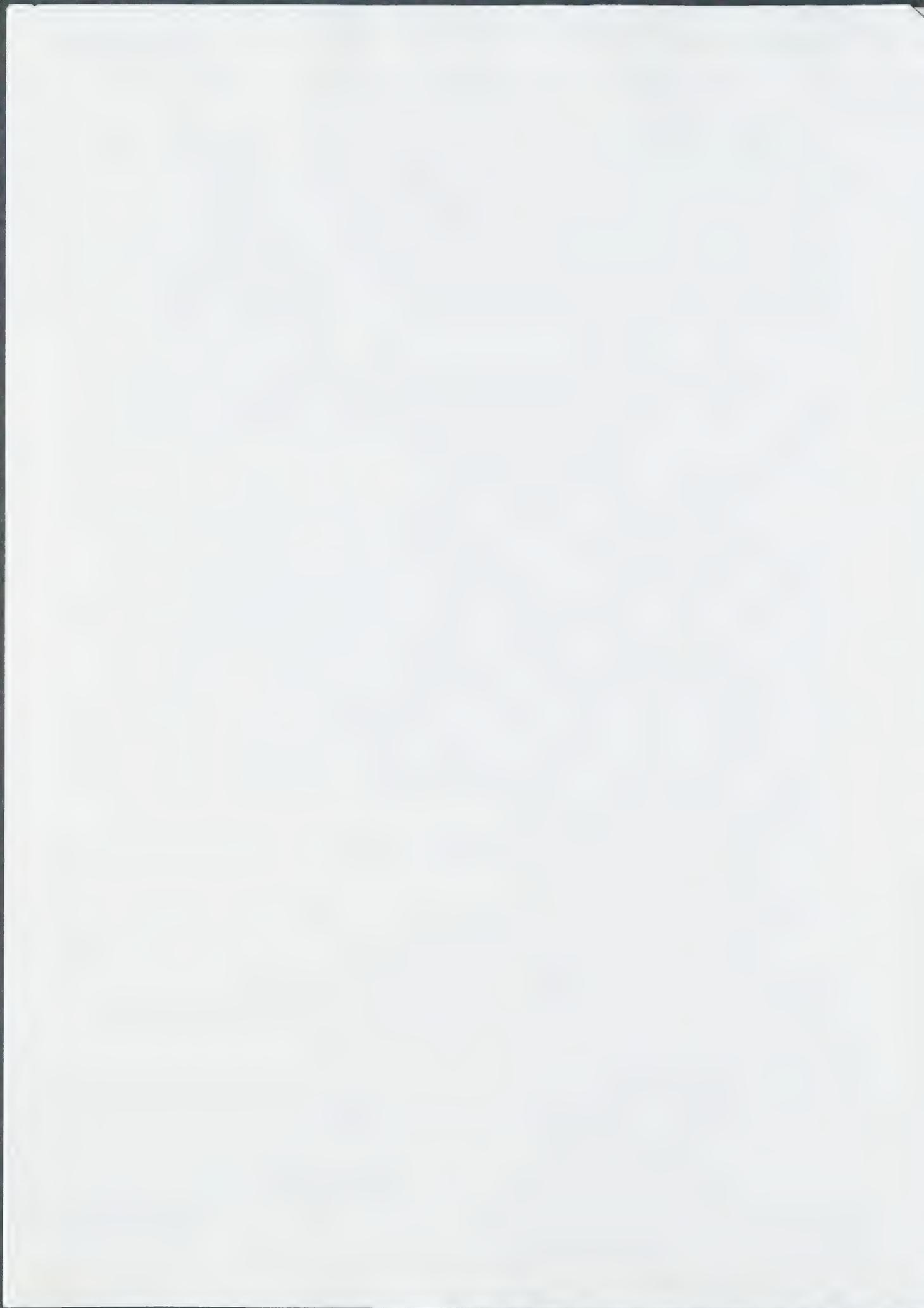
It is in a preparatory stage and you will be informed if there is a progress.

When your plans for your trips next summer reach proper stage, please, do inform the Rector (and/or me) so that we could undertake something acceptable for you and valuable for us.

Please, remember me to Mrs. Bader.

Yours sincerely

L. Skurby



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61600 BRNO  
CZECH REPUBLIC

Brno the 20th Oct. 96

Dear Dr Radice,

Thank you for your letter. I have had a brief notice from  
Mirek Rezac, He promised me (by fax) to give me more information  
when he comes for Christmas

Your correspondence with your first "Baden Fellow" reminds  
me once more on all what you are doing for my young  
countrymen. - I am grateful to you and to my fate that,  
towards the end of my professional career, I was able to  
experience and to witness a substantial deal of your  
activities and - also - your personal performances. God  
bless you for all that!

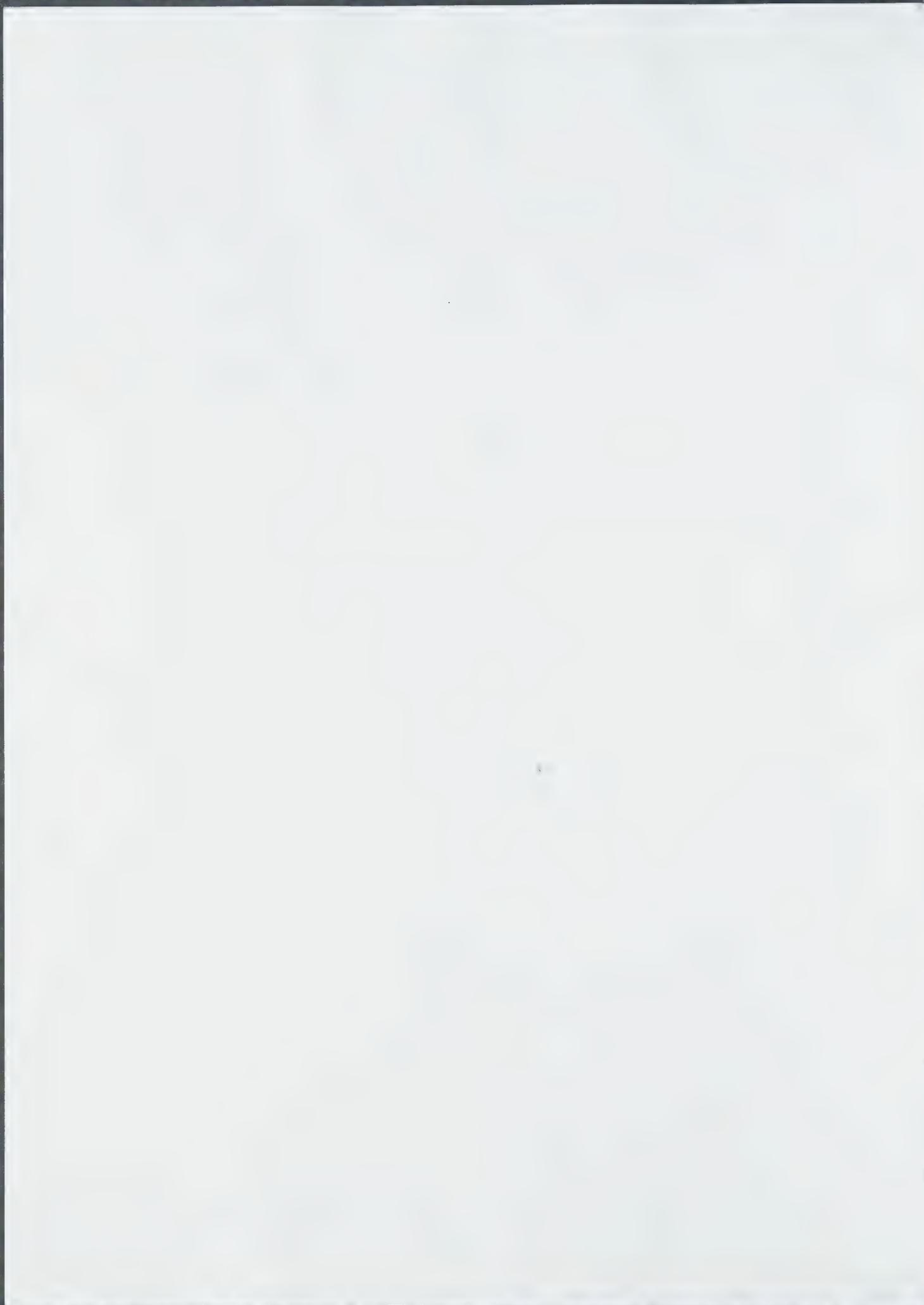
I am sending my best wishes to both Dr Isabel  
and you.

Yours very sincerely  
L. Skursky

PS

I am sorry to confer that the installation of Loschmidt's  
plaque is stuck (temporarily, I hope) on the negative  
attitude of the house owner

I regret that your generous suggestions expressed in your  
last visit with rector Schmid (as far as I know) did not  
meet yet proper response. My "catalytic activity" in  
this matter seems to be insufficient yet: forgive me  
I am now fully retired and come to the town (frequently)  
as a guest only.





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

August 15, 1997

Professor Oldrich Paleta  
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166 28 Prague 6  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Paleta:

Isabel and I still remember with great pleasure our meeting with you and Dr. Nic in Prague.

As you know, we have been groping how we could best attract the able Bader Fellows, men like Dr. Nic and Dr. Miroslav Rezac, back to the Czech Republic.

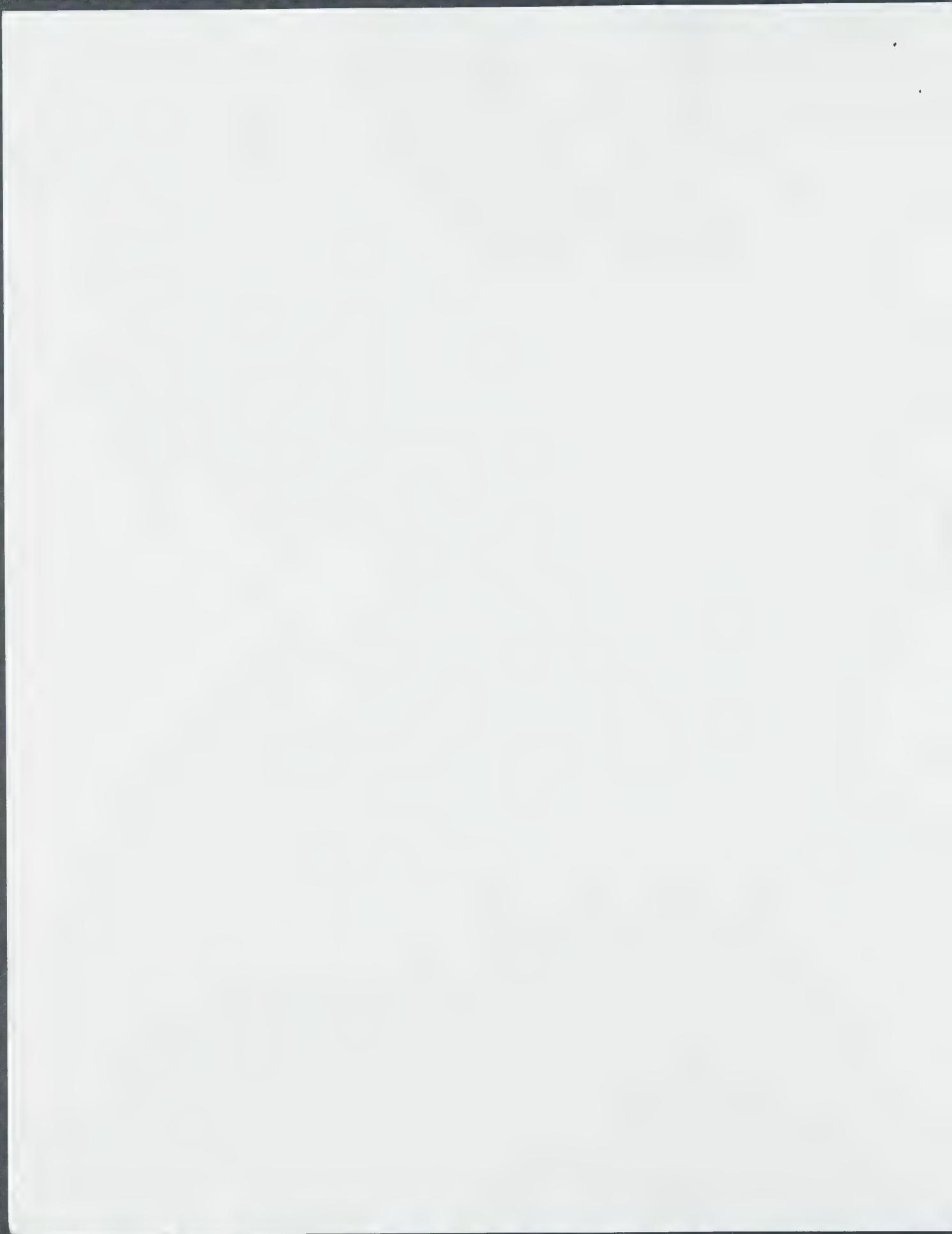
One of the ways that really appeals to us is to offer each academic institution (whether university or the Academy, but not industrial organizations) some thousands of dollars a year to be used largely to help these Bader Fellows to become established in their research.

The first hurdle to cross is to get the approval of the Foundation for a Civil Society to this scheme, and I hope that this will be coming after the Foundation's next Executive Committee meeting.

After that, we have to decide what the sum of money should be and how much of it should go as overhead to the institution and how much and how to the chemist involved.

You will recall that you hoped to be able to write to us about your thoughts regarding this. Of particular importance is the way that the money is given to the chemist. If it were a direct grant, would it be taxable in the Czech Republic?

I know, of course, that this is to encourage Bader Fellows to come back home, and Dr. Nic is already there. But of course, we would very much like to make the first gift to the Technical University and Dr. Nic to be followed to the other institutions.



Professor Oldrich Paleta  
August 15, 1997  
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We understand that Mr. Milan Chytil, who is doing very fine work with Professor Verdine at Harvard, will be visiting the Czech Republic soon to talk to students in all the chemistry departments, and I do hope that you and Dr. Nic will have a chance to meet him.

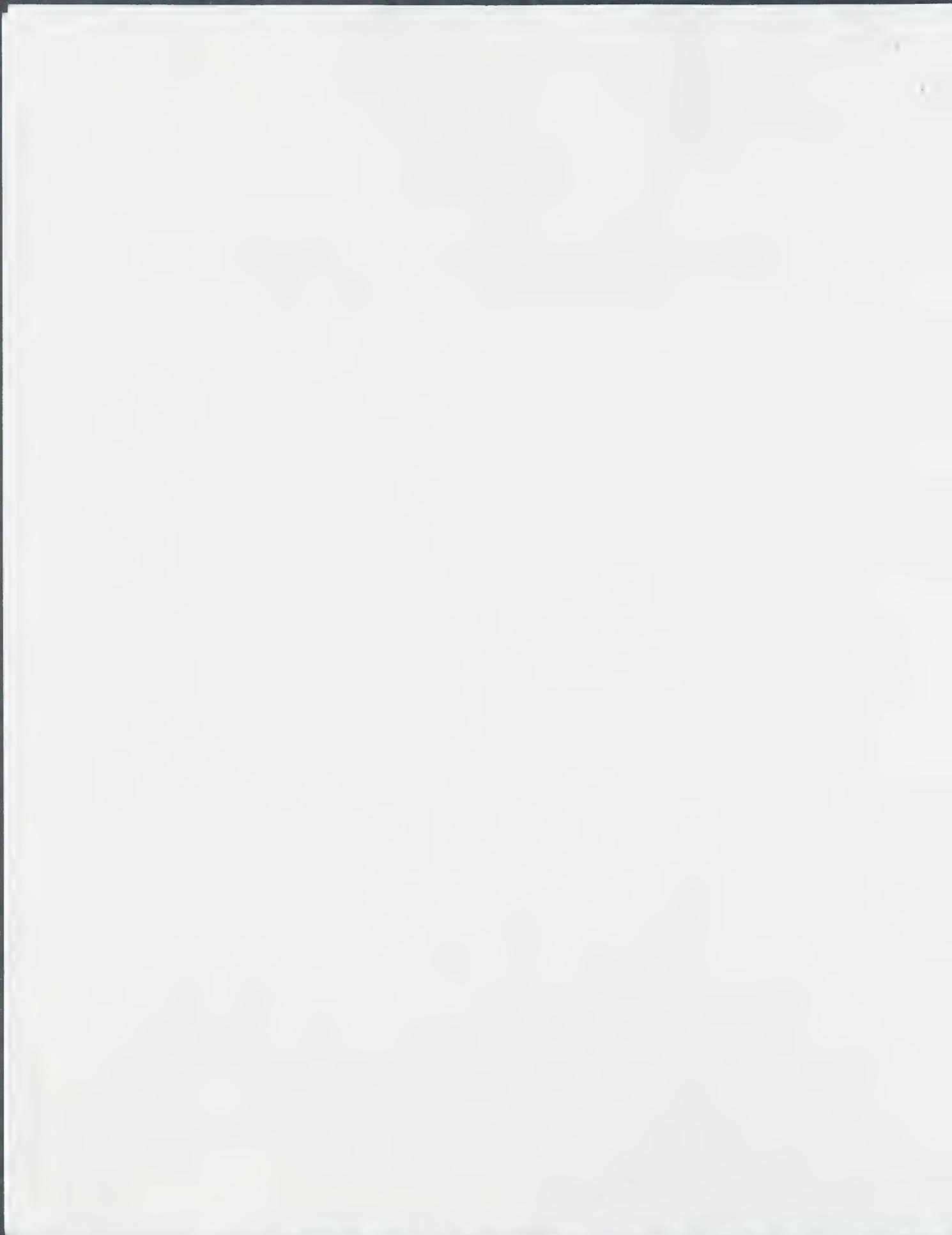
With many thanks for all your help and best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

bf: ~~Foundation for a Civil Society~~

*both Prague (Michael)  
& New York (Danyal)*





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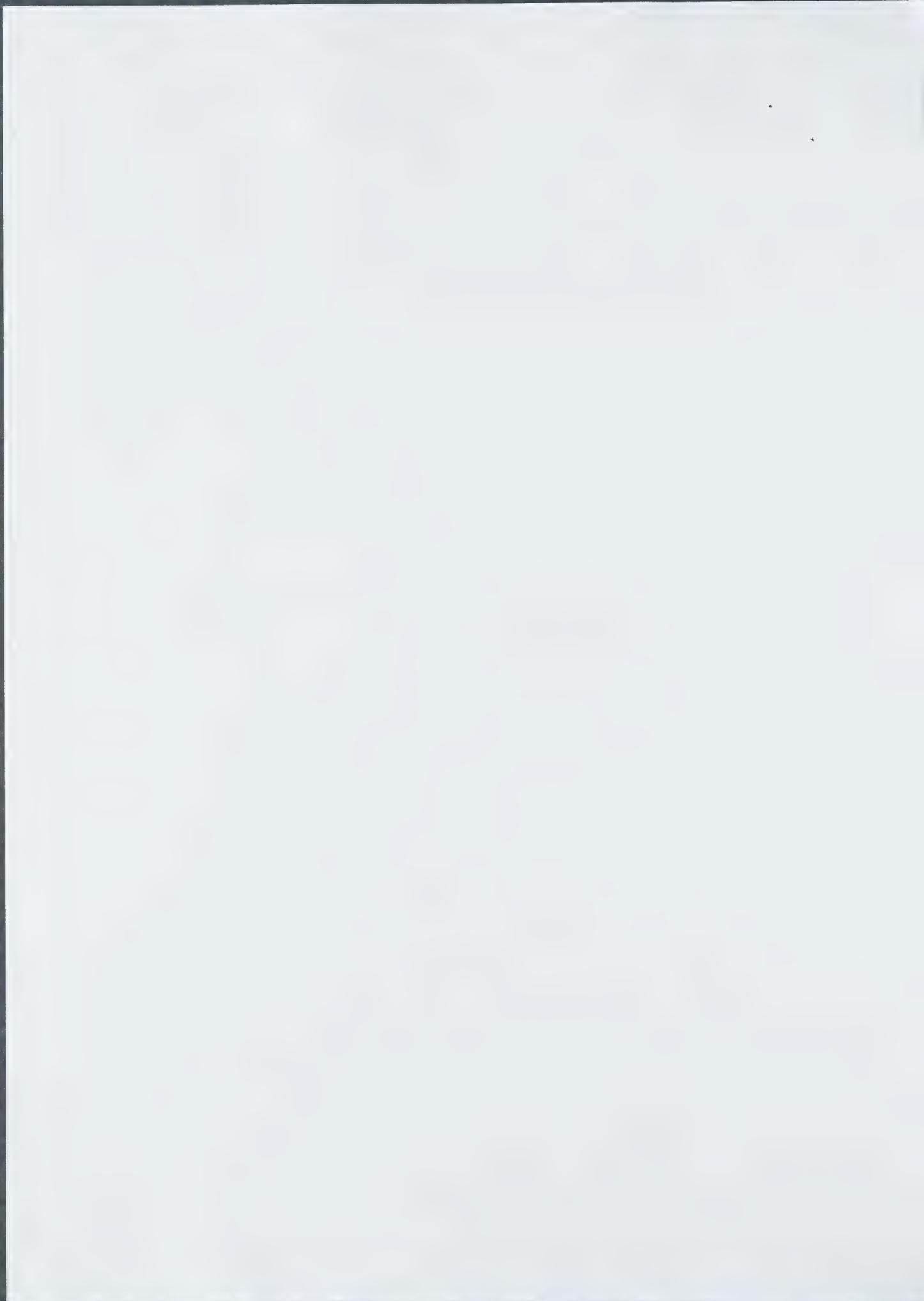
Dec. 15, 1997

Dear Mr. Linville:

The grant of USD 10,000.- (as an equivalent of 347,985.92 Czech crowns) has been transferred to the account of our Institute as documented by the account statement (variable symbol 110197056). According to the Letter of Understanding, 90% of this sum is at disposal to Dr. Miloslav Nič.

With best wishes for Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,  
Sincerely yours,

Oldřich Paleta



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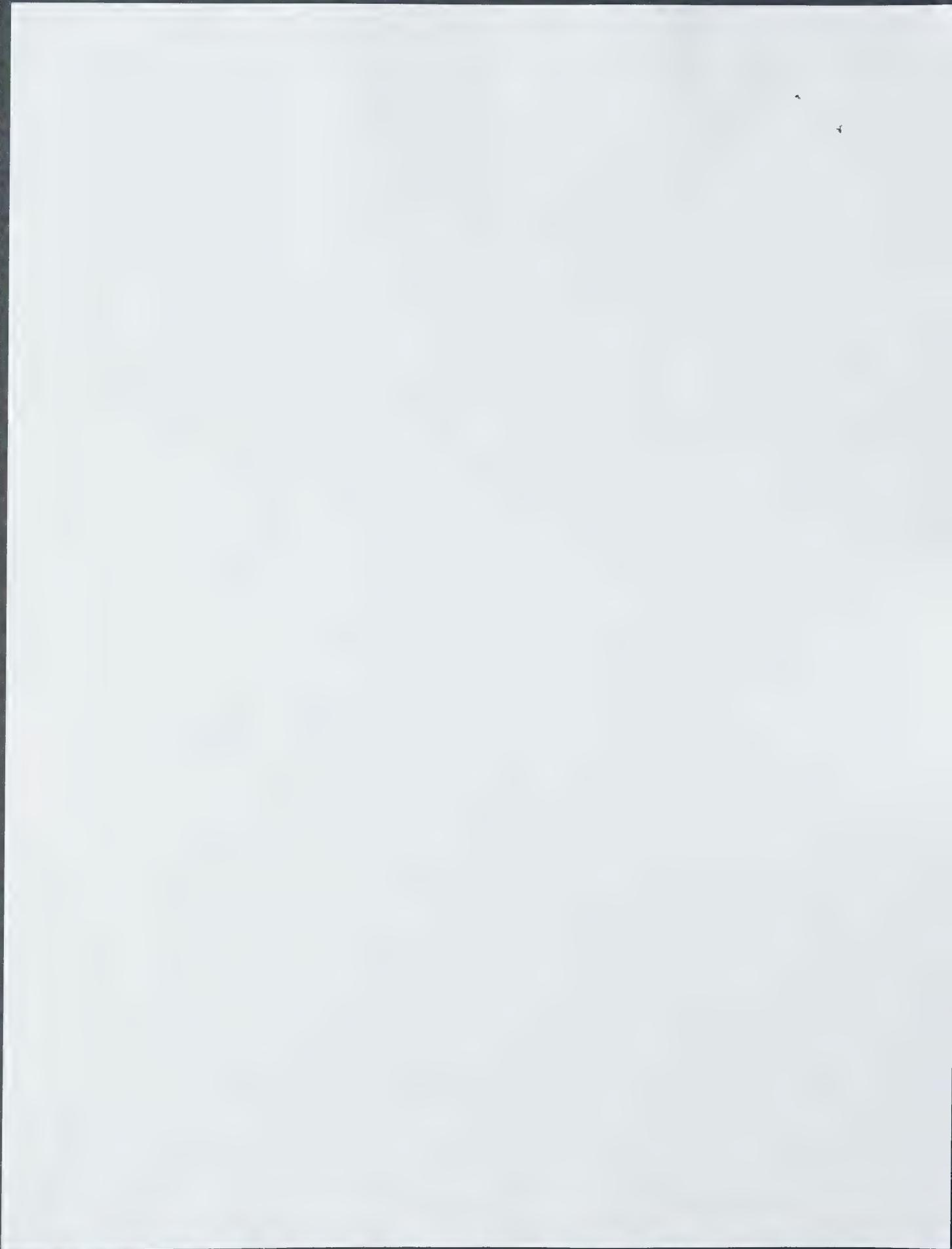
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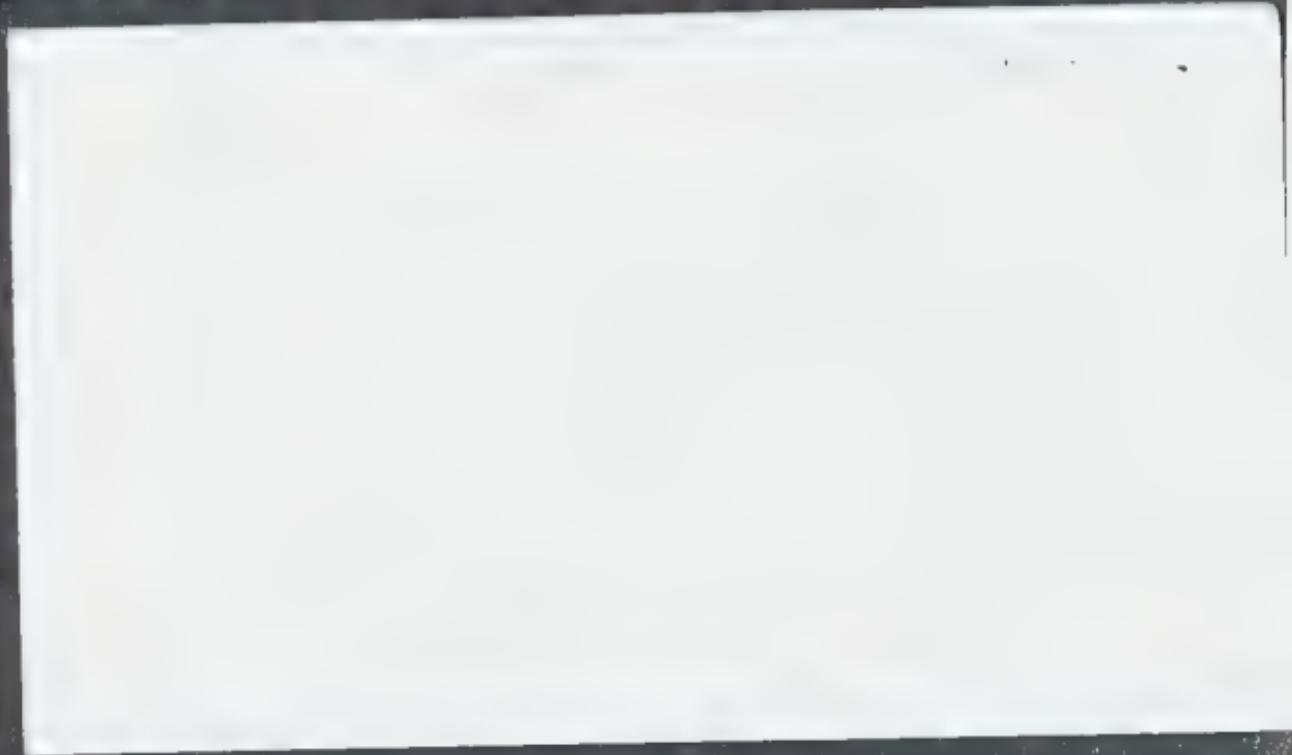
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Dr. Alfred R. Bader  
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August 9, 1993

Prof. Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik, President  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
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111 42 Prague 1  
Czech Republic

Dear Prof. Zahradnik:

It was indeed an honor and a pleasure to meet you in Prague in June, and I want to thank you most sincerely for the time which you spent with Isabel and me.

I am happy to report to you that the purchase of Herstmonceux Castle by Queen's University has now been completed, and I very much hope that Queen's will have a study program in place next year. I will then contact you and Queen's to determine how we can best establish fellowships for Czech students to come to Herstmonceux Castle. A brief description of what Queen's plans to do there is enclosed.

I am happy also to report to you that the Czech Chemical Society will establish an Alfred Bader Award for the best organic chemical research done in the Czech Republic. The enclosed letter from Prof. Oldrich Paleta will be self-explanatory.

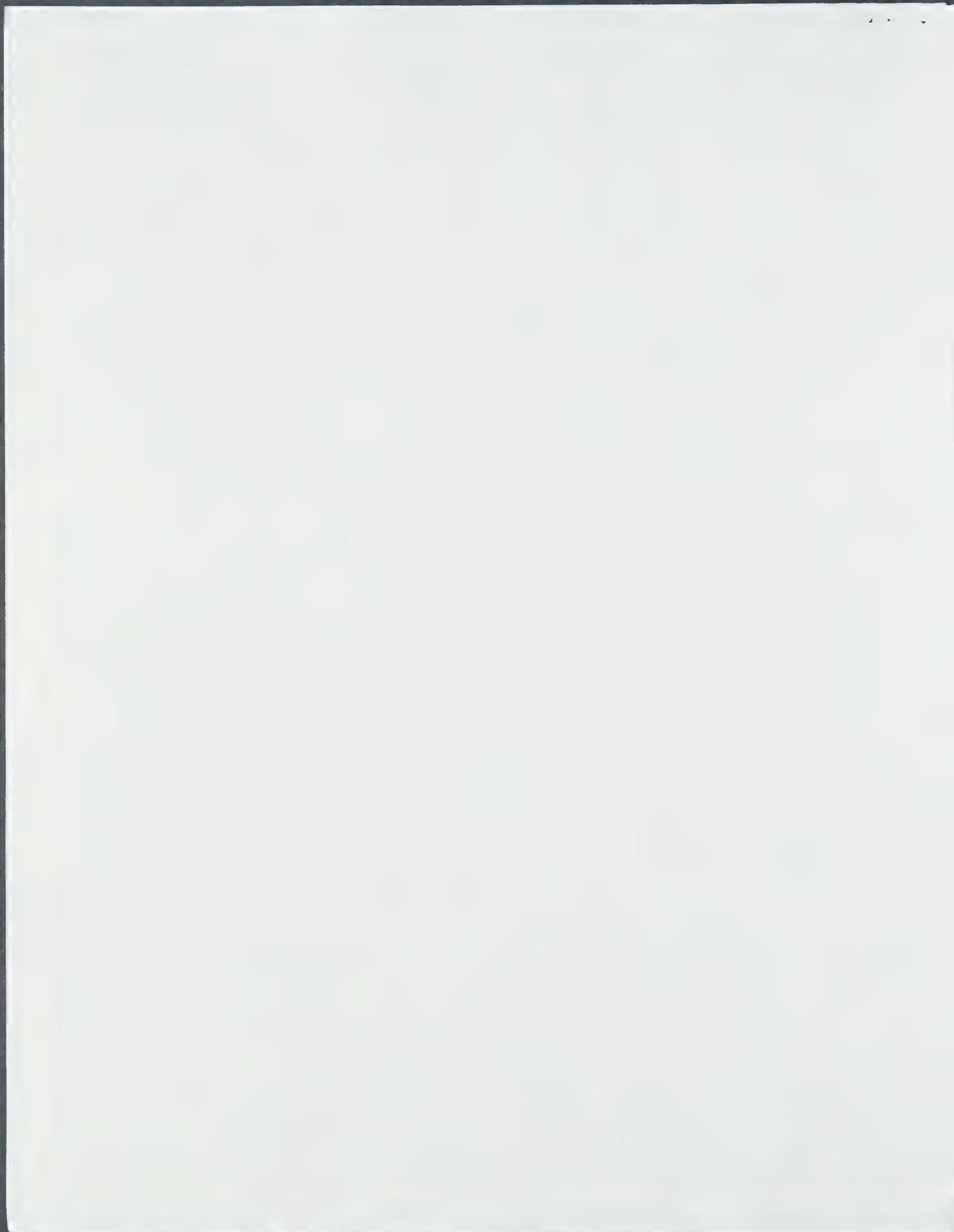
Isabel and I look forward to being in Prague next spring or summer, and hope then to meet again.

Many thanks for all your help, and best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

c: Principal David Smith  
Queen's University



Dr. Alfred Bader  
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September 22, 1993

Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik, President  
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
Narodni Tr. 3  
111 42 Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

I still remember with great pleasure meeting you this summer, and now I have to thank you for your kind letter of August 20.

Just recently, our old friends Annemie and Siegfried Hünig from Würzburg visited us and confirmed what we thought about you, namely, you are a truly able and caring Czech who had not at all been involved with communist politics. With that in mind, allow me to write to you very frankly.

I am happy that you are trying to have a stamp honoring Josef Loschmidt issued by the Czech postal authorities. There is no question in my mind that he was one of the greatest scientists of the 19th century, and because he was so self-effacing he has not really been recognized. I think that will change after the Loschmidt Symposium to be held in Vienna in the summer of 1995. That will commemorate the 100th anniversary of his death.

I have given two lectures on Loschmidt in Czechoslovakia, one in Bratislava and one in Prague. After each lecture, the first question was, "What language did Loschmidt speak?" Now, of course, in Vienna he spoke German, while as a boy he must have spoken both Czech and German. I don't think it's fair to tar a man who lived from 1821 to 1895 with the word "Sudetendeutscher". Of course, I understand how and why Czechs feel about Sudetendeutsche as they do, but here was a man whose family lived near Karlovy Vary for generations. The enclosed family background will be self-explanatory.

You must know that I feel very close to the Czech people, and I hope that you will not think any less of me when I tell you that while my paternal grandmother was born in Prague and her husband, my paternal grandfather, in Kyjov, I am certain that both spoke German. It is more important to consider the quality of people than the language they spoke. Just as Kafka who spoke German is one of the most interesting Czechs, Loschmidt was one of the greatest Czech scientists.

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When the time of the Loschmidt Symposium in Vienna comes closer, I would like to send you \$5000 to allow ten Czech students in chemistry to go to Vienna to attend the symposium. I think that \$500 per student would cover their travel expenses. Please note that I would like students, not academics, to receive this.

It seems to me that your suggestion that we establish a chair at Charles University is a very good one. As you perhaps know, I have always been an organic chemist, and I am wondering whether it is important to you that the chair be in physical chemistry or could it perhaps be in physical organic chemistry or in organic chemistry? I am asking you sincerely: if you believe that physical chemistry is much more important, then that is what I should consider.

Would you be willing to allow me to establish a chair entitled "The Josef Loschmidt Chair" (established by Alfred Bader)? Over the years I have established a good many awards and chairs, for instance, several fellowships for Czech students to go to the United States and Britain to get their PhD degrees in organic chemistry, and also a Josef Loschmidt award for physical organic chemists in Britain.

However, I would much prefer to donate the capital required by you, rather than to write a check every year. I know of course that it is very difficult to predict what something will cost many years from now, but would you be able to take the capital provided by me, buy long-term Czech government bonds, and then be assured that the interest from the capital will be coming in during the years of the bonds?

In this connection, let me share with you two concerns which--while relatively small in the amount of money trouble me very much.

During our last visit to Prague, Isabel and I proposed to the Czech Chemical Society that we would like to establish an Alfred Bader Award for the best research done in organic chemistry by a Czech chemist. We suggested an award of Kc 100,000, with us providing the capital. Last week I heard from Professor Oldrich Paleta, and I enclose his fax and my immediate response. I am worried that the approach of the Czech Chemical Society is terribly bureaucratic. We are trying to set up an award for a really good Czech organic researcher, and surely that should not require a foundation paying salaries to a number of people. Do you understand what my concern is?

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In a similar vein, I would like to tell you about an award for Czech students in art history which we set up on a trial basis, last year. My letter to Dr. Milena Bartlova is enclosed. I am convinced that the Dr. Bartlova is both competent and a good human being, but I was staggered when I was told that no students applied and that the money had to be given to a competent, mature art historian who then used the funds to pay for a tour of European museums. Of course that was very good for the art historian and perhaps there should be funds for such travel, but that certainly was not our intent: we wanted the \$15,000 to go to students to spend six months in one city of their choice abroad, studying one artist or one school in which they were most interested. Clearly, the problem lies in making the availability of such an award known to students, and I believe it could not have been done in this case.

I am bringing up these two examples of our disappointment in our efforts, because we must ask ourselves how will the professor for the chair in physical chemistry or organic chemistry be chosen? Will it simply be an old establishment warhorse who is looking for a niche, or will you find a really able young man who deserves the position? Who will make the choice?

Enough of disappointments, you will say, but let me share another one with you. We established a fellowship for a Czech PhD student at Columbia University, and the university had eight applicants, and selected the best, who is doing exceedingly well. Professor Turro said to me that if Columbia could be assured of many such Czech students, they would forget about American applicants!

At Imperial College there were only four applicants for the Bader fellowship, and the student picked is doing very well indeed. His academic mentor, Dr. Willie Motherwell, who has just accepted the chair at University College, told me that he has never seen a student who combines such hard work with such brightness as does this student.

However, when the University of Pennsylvania looked for students to accept the Bader Fellowship in Philadelphia, it received only one application, and when the applicant was awarded the fellowship he had to decline because he had already accepted another fellowship at Michigan State University. What can these universities do to make the fellowships better known? We don't want to raid the Czech Republic and get its best chemists to come here and then stay in the U.S. or

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the U.K. Rather, we hope that they will come here, get a good education and then return to the Czech Republic.

Just recently I established a similar fellowship at Harvard University, in this case for a fellow to be appointed every year, rather than every three years, as is the case at Columbia University, Imperial College and the University of Pennsylvania. Will Harvard also have difficulties in getting students to apply?

Students may worry that they will miss exciting opportunities at home if they leave for 3-4 years, and so it will take the help of professors to point out that PhD degrees from prestigious American and British universities will be good for them and the Czech Republic.

This has become a very long letter, and I hope that you will forgive my frankness and will understand that I truly want to help Czech scholars, but I am so frustrated by some of the experiences we have had so far.

Please send me your fax number and your telephone number.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

**ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**  
**PRESIDENT**

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20 August 1996

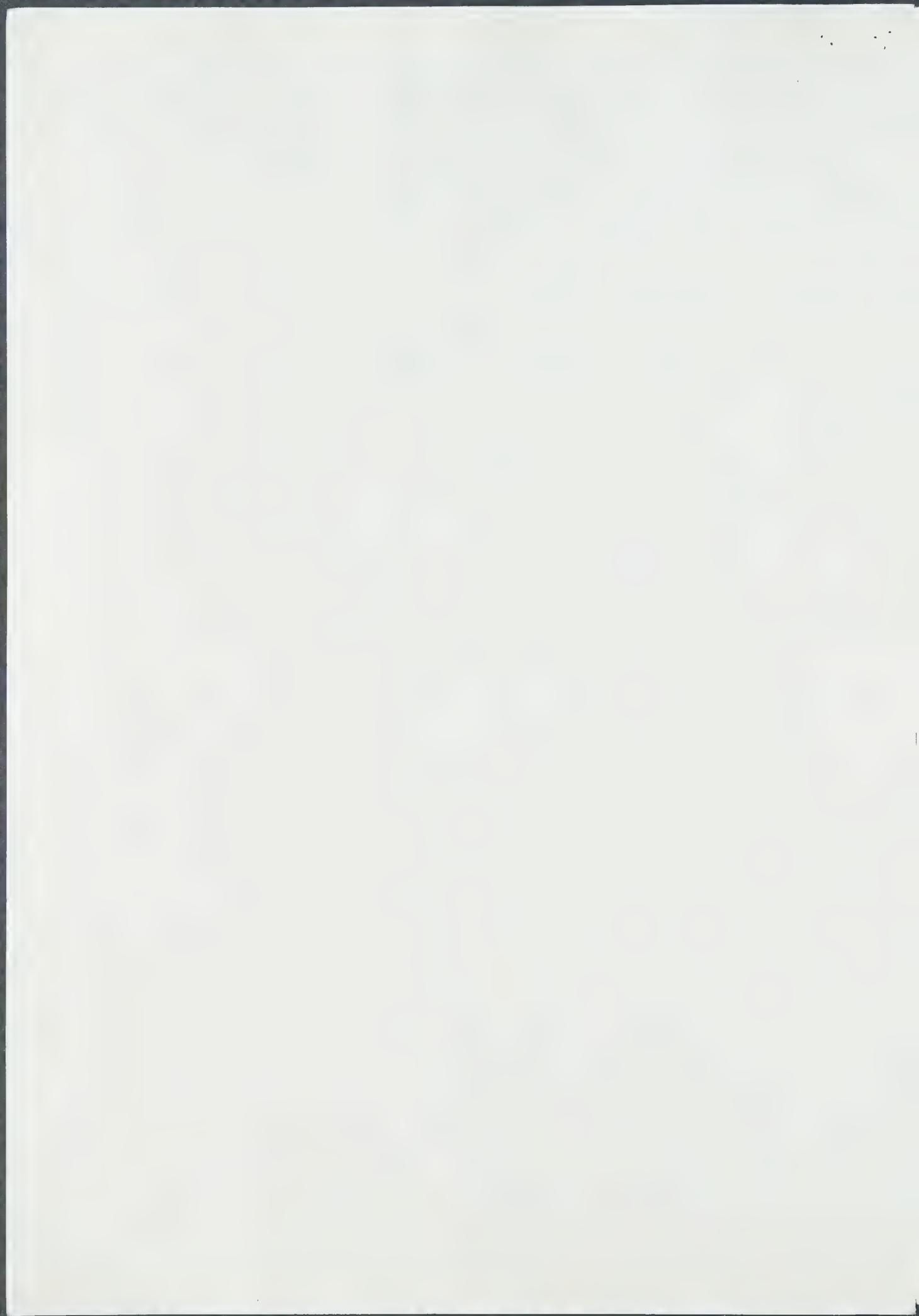
Dear Dr. Bader:

I was happy to have the opportunity to meet you in Prague and discuss with you such a variety of questions. Thank you again for your visit.

I have the pleasure of telling you that the efforts to issue a Czech stamp on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of J. Loschmidt proceeded quite well: after a conversation with Mr. Dyba, Minister of the Czech Republic whose ministry is in charge of communications and mail system, I have good news. However, a few days ago I was told that a rather drastic reduction of the number of new stamps is to be expected in 1994-1996 because of serious financial difficulties. In spite of that my colleagues and myself will try our best.

I have been extremely impressed by your kind interest in this country and by your generous offer to help. I believe that there is an area where your aid would be of great importance. The situation at Czech universities, in Prague in particular, is something of a deadlock plagued by a lack of money and a stiff resistance of the present system, preventing any real change. And yet the situation could be improved by appointing to the chairs of professors several active scientists of international renown, possibly educated or successfully doing research (at present or in the past) in the West, who would have enough energy to bring about a change by their own example in research, teaching and enthusiasm.

An endowed chair of a professor who would be appointed by a responsible joint committee could do wonders in this respect. I have in mind in particular a Professor Chair of Physical Chemistry at Charles University, where the present situation is very sad (the chair once belonged to Professor



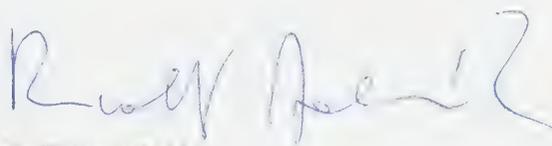
J. Heyrovský, the 1959 Nobel Prize winner). The financial requirements would be low, considering the exchange rates. Basically, USD 10,000 per year (i.e. Kč 280,000) would take care of a good salary of about Kč 12,000 (the present lower limit is about Kč 9,000/month) and the other half of the sum could be used to meet social security requirements and for material assistance. A thorough and responsible selection presumably would bring in a candidate who would bring along his own equipment to continue research in the area in which he has established himself, and he should also be able to get money through grants.

I would very much appreciate if you would give thought to this idea. If such a dream could be realized, then establishing an A.B. Bader Professorship would be a unique, historical contribution which would forever connect your name with the culture and science of this country.

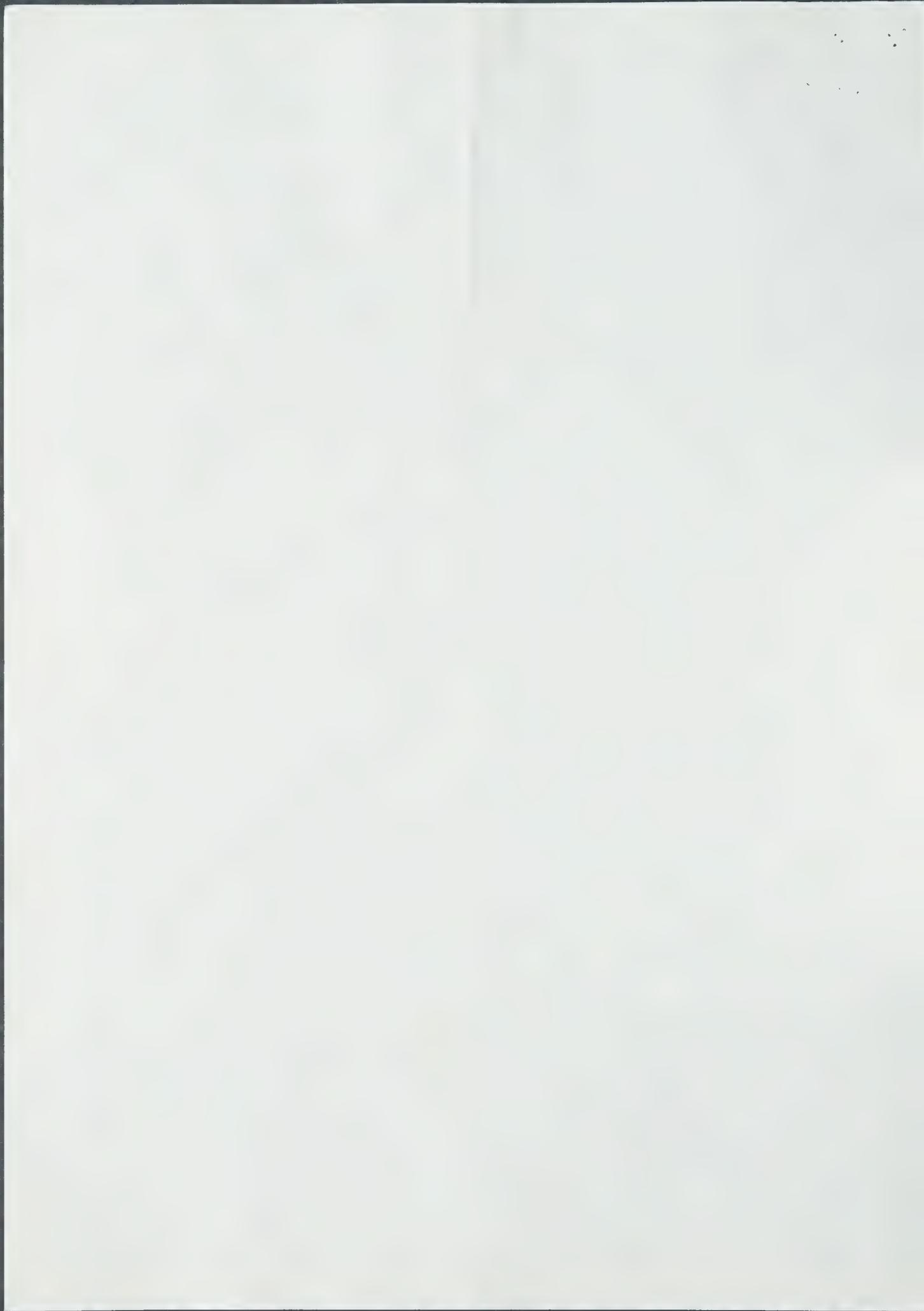
I am very much looking forward to our 94 meeting.

With my best regards to Mrs. Bader and you,

Cordially yours,



Rudolf Zabrada



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Dr. Alfred BADER

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USA

Prague, September 28, 1993

Dear Dr. Bader,

I am tremendously impressed by reading your letter of Sept. 22 & enclosures. Please, accept my most cordial thanks.

I am leaving now for Germany & Poland; after my return a specific answer will follow. (~Oct 15)

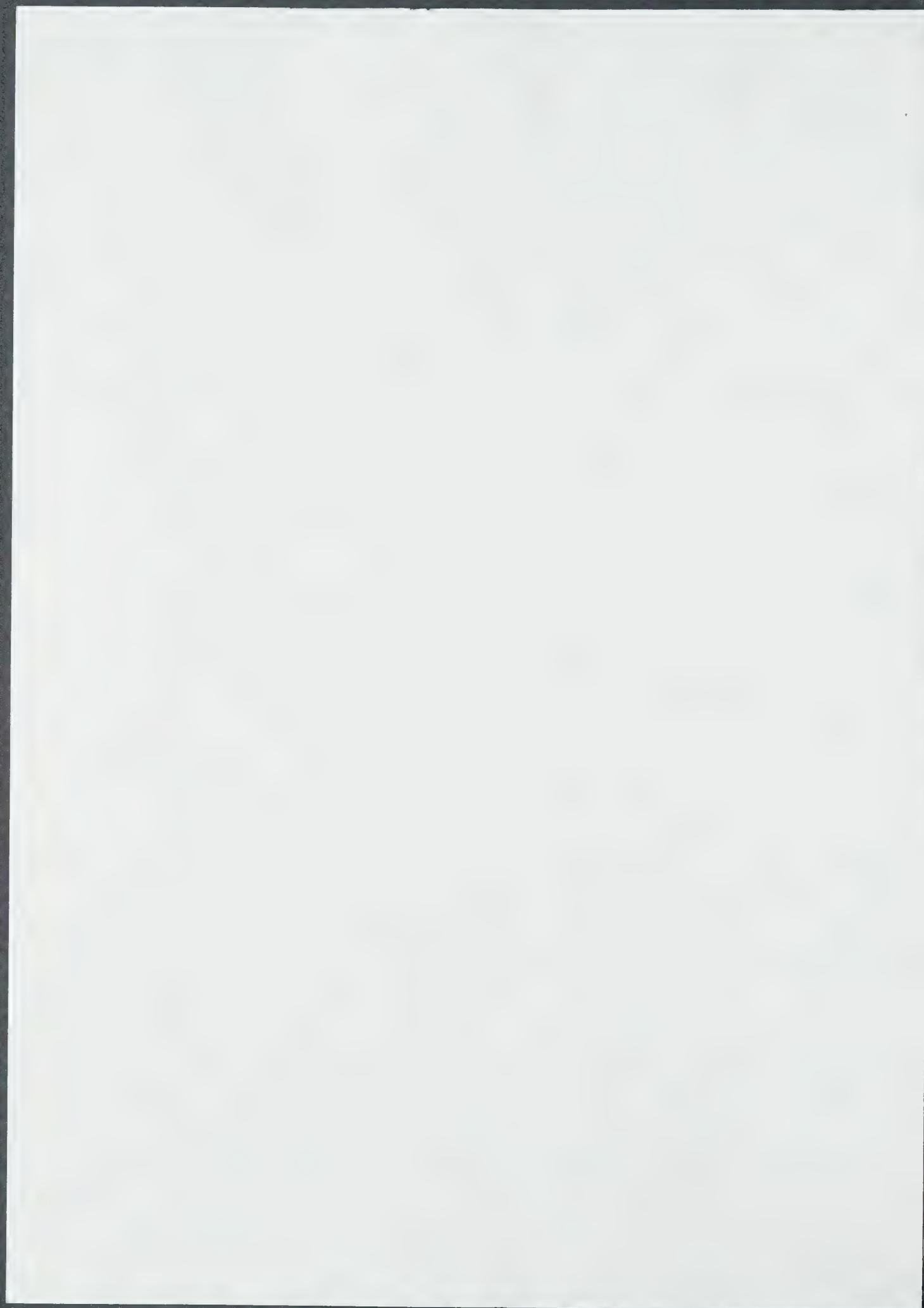
Remember me, please, to Mrs Bader

All good wishes from Prague,

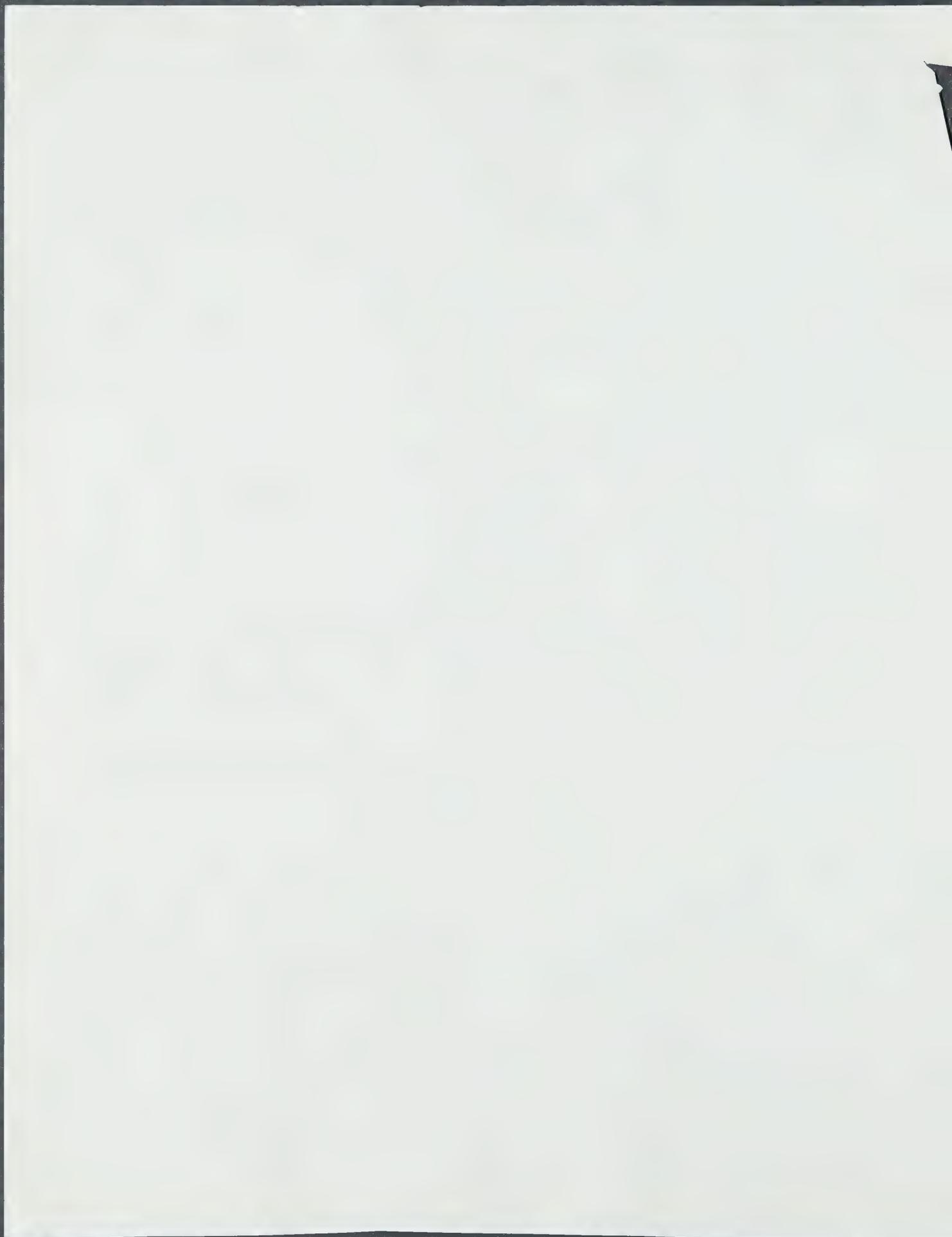
Sincerely,

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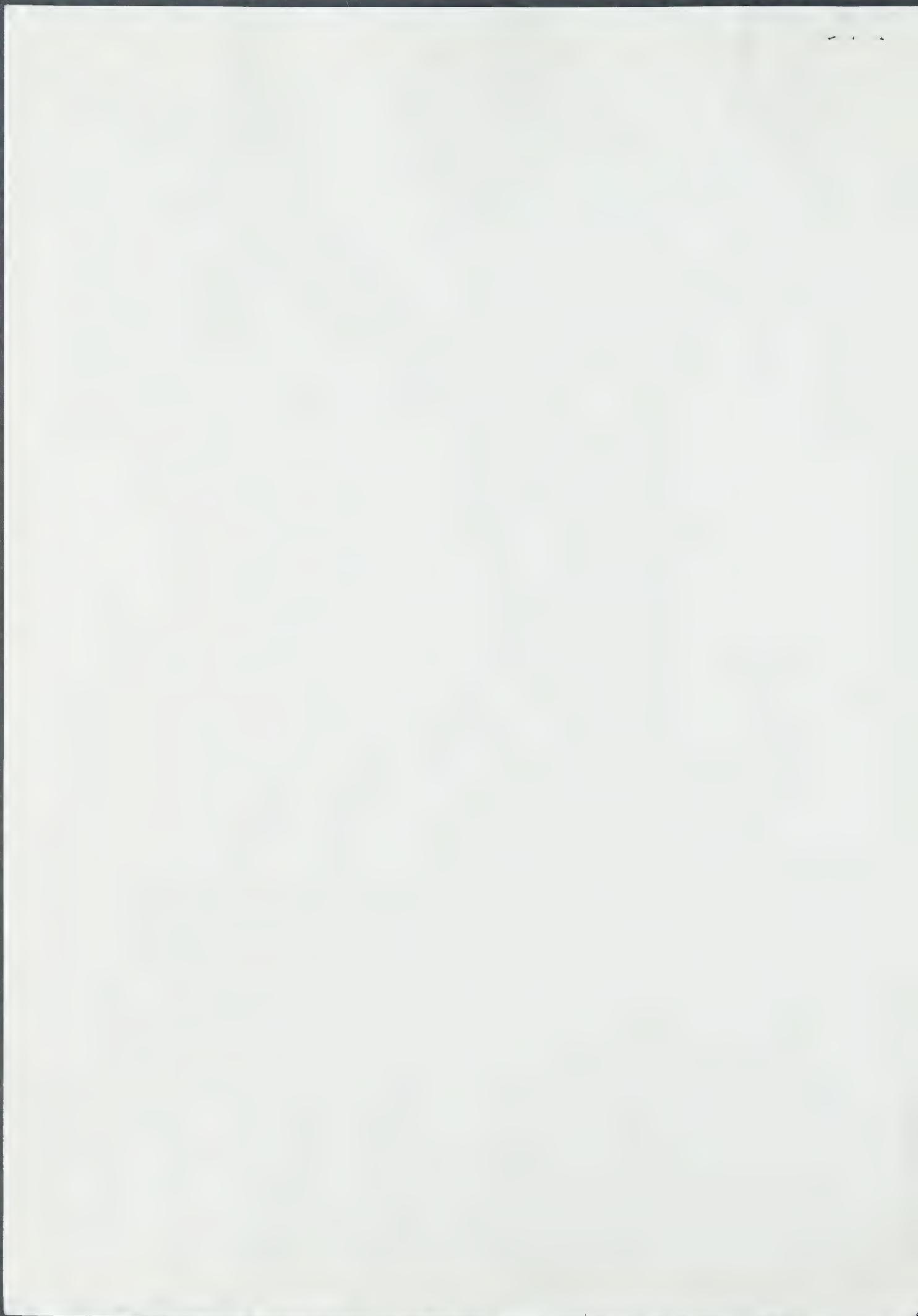
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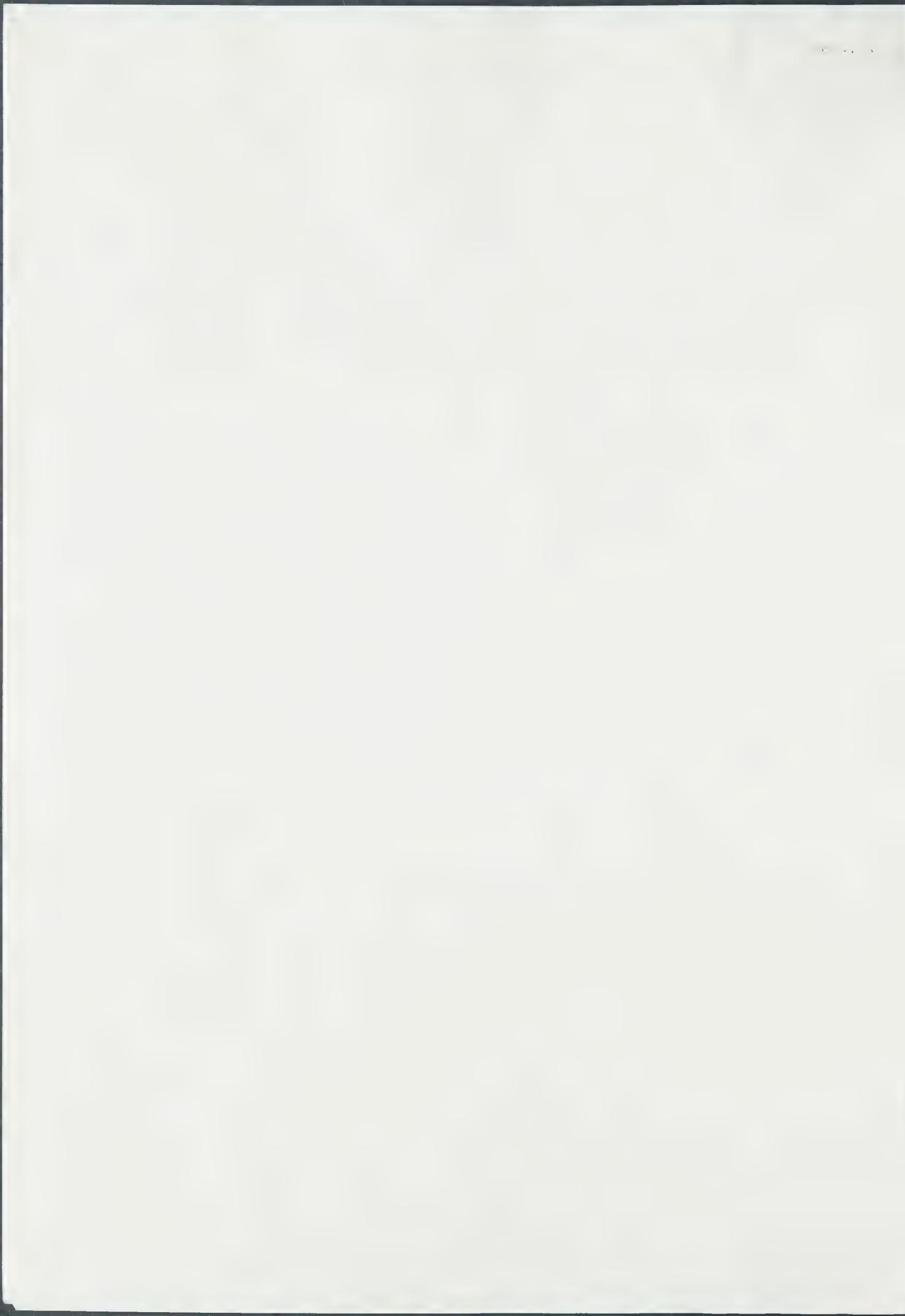
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## ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

OF ALFRED BADER

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March 10, 1994

Via Fax 422 265 205

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Dear Professor Zahradnik:

Thank you so much for Dr. Zdenek Broz's fax of today. I very much hope that you are speedily recovering from your flu.

Isabel and I much look forward to being in Prague during the week of June 13th, and we hope again to be able to stay in the same guesthouse where you visited us.

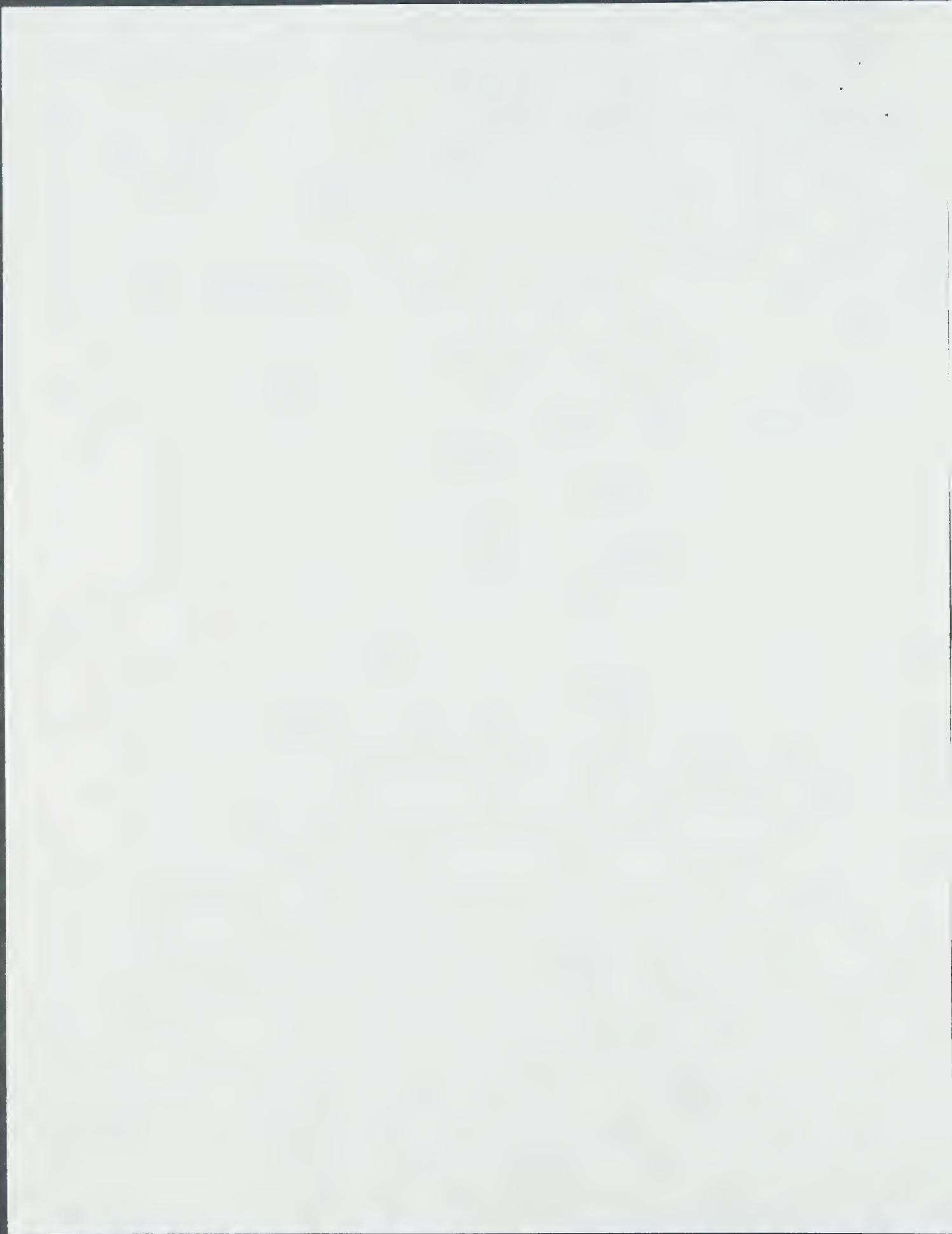
Let me bring you up to date about what has been happening. The award for the best Czech organic chemist with a prize of 100,00 Czech crowns is now in place, and I have turned the funds for the first three years over to the Foundation for a Civil Society, to turn over to Professor Paleta.

I am very happy and comfortable with the activities of the Foundation for a Civil Society, and I am convinced they want to do their very best. I am also happy to report to you that the fourth fellowship for Czech students to get their PhDs in the west is now in place. The first three are at Columbia University, Imperial College and the University of Pennsylvania. The fourth is at Harvard University, and the details, just announced, are enclosed.

The 100th anniversary of Josef Loschmidt's death will be in July of 1995, and so there really is not much time to prepare for a suitable Czech postage stamp. Could I perhaps meet with the Czech philatelist to whom Dr. Broz referred, to urge him to have this stamp issued.

I am also happy to report to you that Dr. Milena Bartlova has told me that she has received more than three applications for the Bader awards in art history. Originally, this was a \$15,000 award for one student, but Dr. Bartlova recommended that it be split into three awards of \$5,000 each, and I trust that these will be given to worthy students this year.

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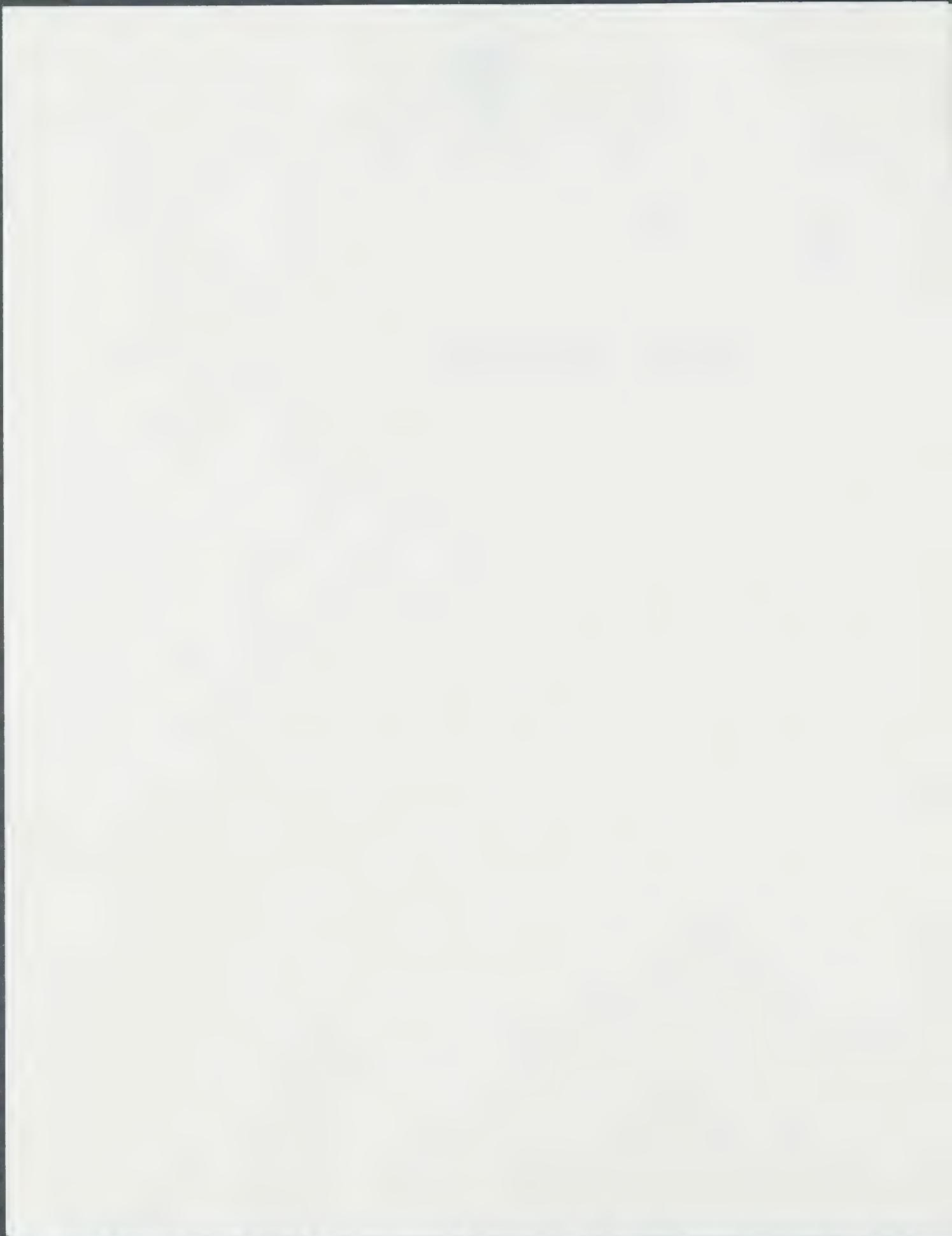
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Of course, I very much hope to be able to meet you, Professor Poleta, Dr. Bartlova and the staff at the office of the Foundation for a Civil Society during our visit to Prague.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. A. B. B." with a long, sweeping tail.



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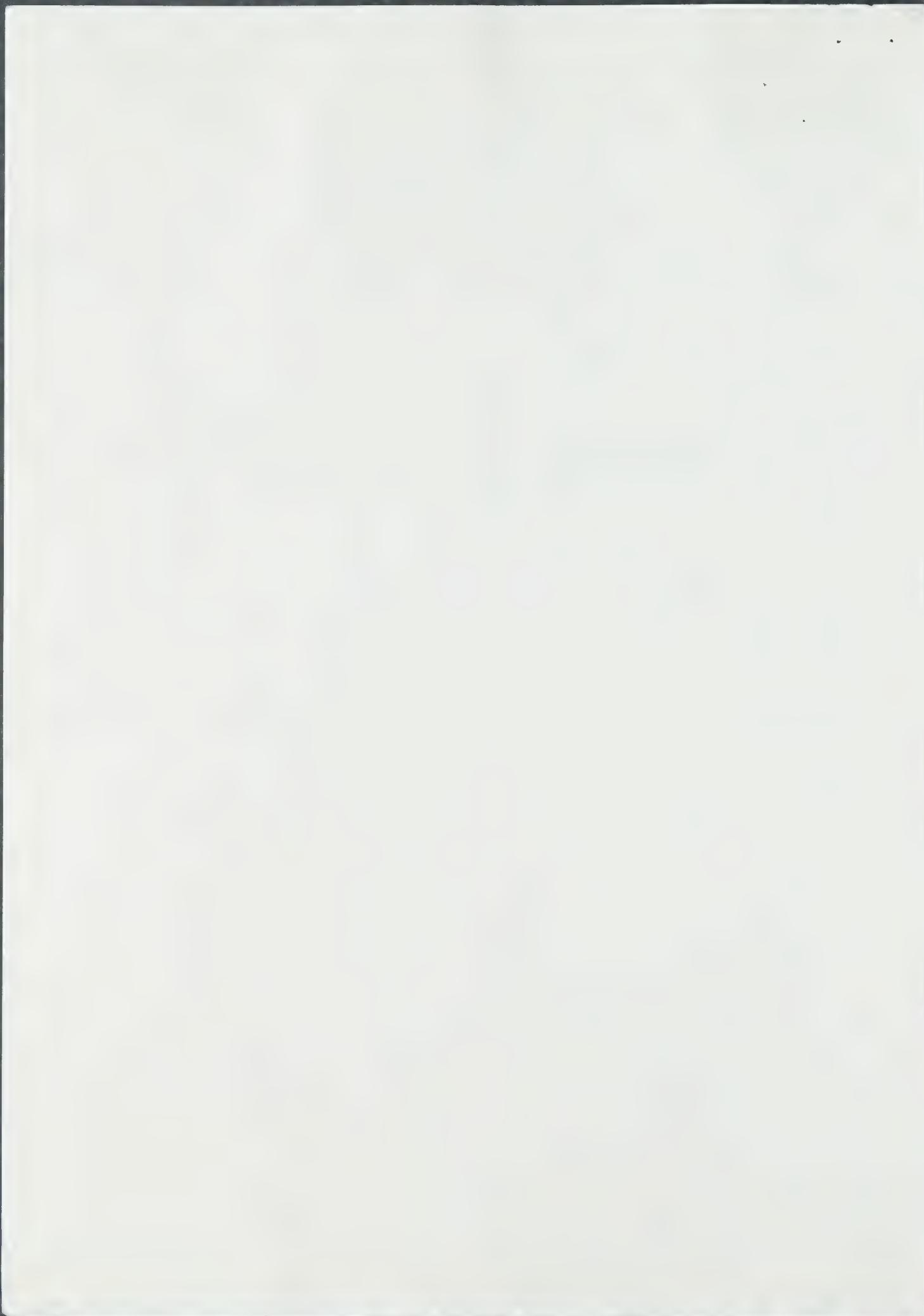
Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you very much for your letter dated March 10th, 1994. It follows from it, how much you have accomplished for Czech students of chemistry and history of arts during such a short period of time

First of all, I would like to apologize for a rather late reply to your letter. During last fourteen days I have visited Germany and have taken part in the second "roundtable discussions" with the Premier on the subject of research and development. Just after my return from Washington and Gaithersburg (as a guest of the National Academy of Sciences) I have recovered from a short influenza.

At the very beginning, I will try to explain the matter of the Josef Loschmidt postage stamp in a more detail. Our first proposal to the Post Office Department of the Ministry of Economy dates back to June 1993. It has been signed jointly by me and by the former rector of Charles University, Prof. Palouš. It has related to the 100th anniversary of Prof. Loschmidt's death in July 1995. Unfortunately, some time later we have been informed about the rule not to issue postage stamps on the occasion of the death anniversary. Therefore, during January we have sent a modified proposal suggesting the 175th anniversary of Prof. Loschmidt's birth (it will be in March 1996). The other possibility to get the stamp issued during 1995 which we are also following is through a thematic series like, for example, the Czech-Austrian relations in the culture, art, science and technology etc. That is the job for my colleague-philatelist. Nowadays, I am sending a personal letter to the Minister of Economy Dr. Karel Dyba in which I am asking him for an urgent help with the stamp issue during 1995.

As far as the award for the best Czech organic and bioorganic chemist is concerned, I follow the matter closely and I am regularly informed by Prof. Paleta in detail. Moreover, I have been tremendously fascinated by the copy of the Harvard University Gazette dated March 4, 1994 in which there has been announced your generous gift of one milion of U.S. dollars intended for Czech PhD students at the Department of Chemistry.



Having in mind such an amount of money I am thinking about the importance of financing our students abroad versus another priority, namely the establishment of a new Chair for the very best candidate at home. In fact, recently I have been engaged more in searching the ways of the income tax-free financing rather than in the future scientific profile of a new Chair at Charles University. I can just remember our short discussion about the Chair profile orientation towards the organic physical chemistry or to the gap filling Chair in molecular sciences.

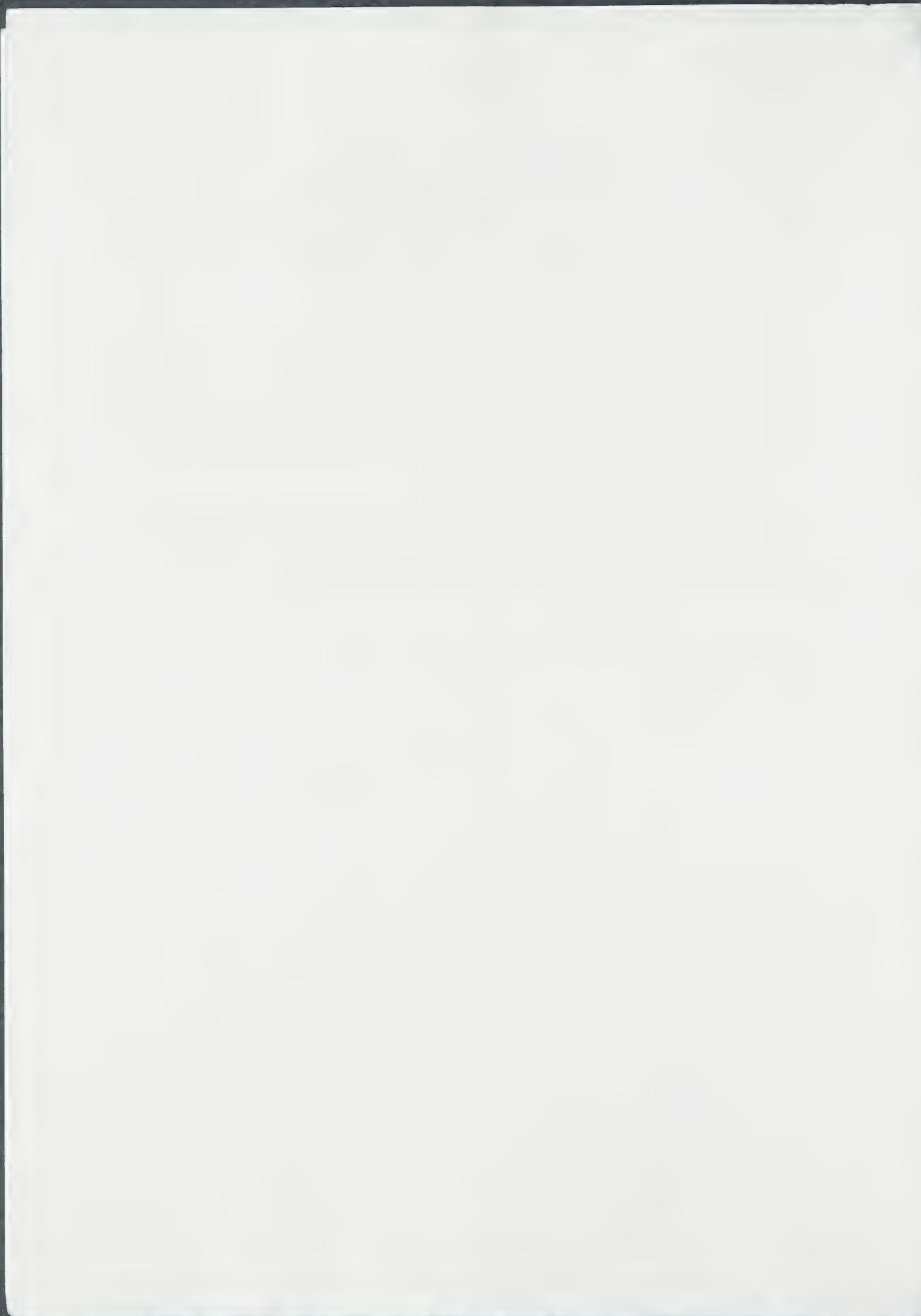
You have mentioned in your letter that you and your wife plan to visit Prague during the week of June 13th. I am extraordinarily looking forward to meet you again. Please, feel free to ask me for an assistance in any respect. I am staying in Prague during that time period. Nevertheless, I am busy on Tuesday (June, 14th) as there will be the 4th Assembly of the Academy. During the weekend there will appear the first participants of the 8th International Congress on Quantum Chemistry (June 19-23) which is organized by my Institute of Physical Chemistry.

You are writing in your letter that you feel comfortable with the activities of the Foundation for a Civil Society. Maybe, their officials could serve as suitable mediators in the matter of Josef Loschmidt Chair established by Alfred Bader. If you would agree I am prepared to welcome them in my office at any time before your visit to Prague.

Looking forward to meeting you and Mrs. Bader soon,

Cordially yours,

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## FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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April 22, 1994

TO: Professor Rudolf Zahradnik, President  
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422 265 205

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

Thank you so much for your fax of today.

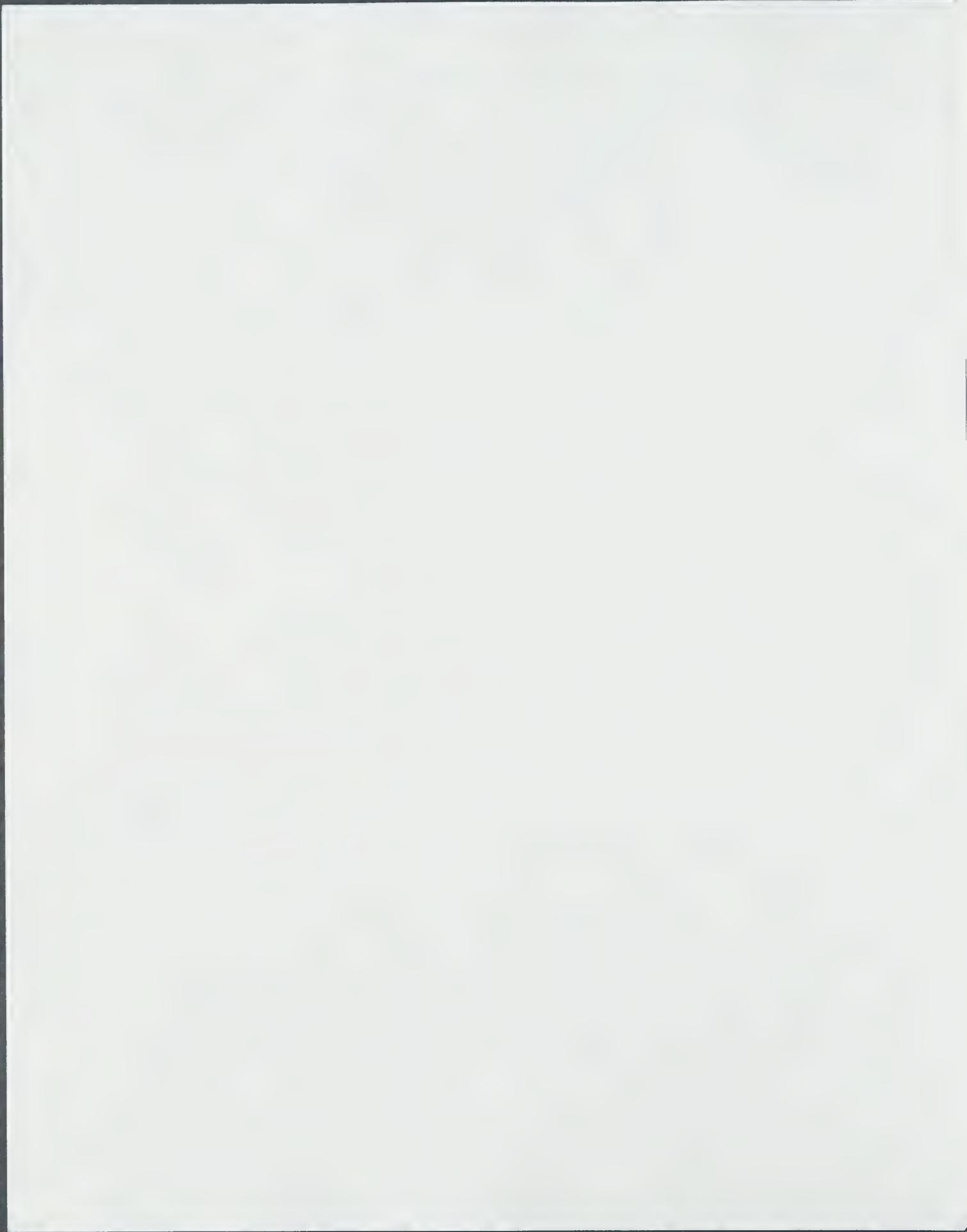
The fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania is for a student working towards his Ph.D., with funding assured for the first three years. This is similar to the fellowships established by us at Columbia University, Imperial College and Harvard University. We have not yet established any funding for postdocs.

I do not believe that it would yet be appropriate to discuss more specifically the possibility of establishing a chair at Charles University. As you perhaps know, I have discussed this in some detail with the staff of the Foundation for a Civil Society who I am convinced really has the best of the Czech Republic at heart. They have pointed out, I am sure correctly, that we must first find out at which Czech university such a chair would be most helpful. I am not looking for an ego trip to establish a chair at the best-known Czech university, but it may well be that a chair, say, in Brno, or at one of the other universities would really help more.

Also, you have not answered my question of some months ago as to how you can assure that a really first-class chemist would get this chair. Most important, we do not want to establish a chair which will simply take over an already existing professorship. We really want to make a difference and establish a chair which would truly be an "add-on".

Please let me discuss all this with you during our visit to Prague in June, and after that I hope you will understand more clearly what we would like to do.

We never imagined what difficulties we would encounter in trying to help Czechs simply because we so grossly underestimated the inexperience of the Czech academic establishment. Under separate cover, I am sending you the difficulties with that very simple 100,000 Czech crown prize for a good chemist. Just look at the bureaucratic rigmarole involved. Of course, I am glad that it has now been established, but please note my comments about the difficulties expressed in my letter to Ms. Hannah Evans.



## FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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April 1, 1994

**TO:** Professor Rudolf Zahradnik, President  
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422 265 205

Dear Professor Zahradnik:

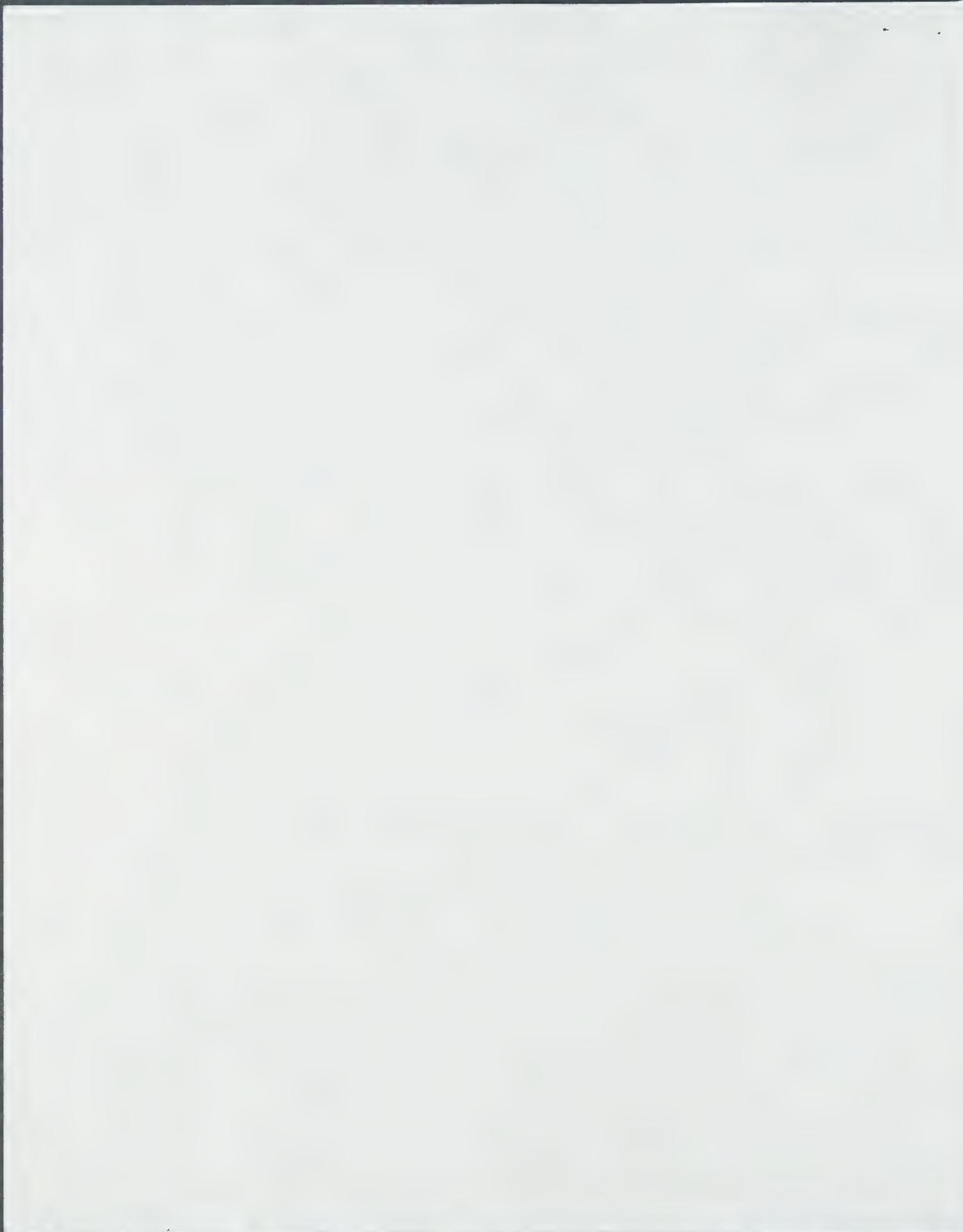
Thank you so much for your fax of yesterday.

It is important to remember that the awards for Czech art historical students and for the best young organic chemist are arranged only for three years. To us, the important problem will be how to capitalize the funds so that we do not have to write checks every three years. To accomplish this has been easy with the chemical societies of the United States, Canada and Britain, as well as at many British, Canadian and American universities. But, I do not yet see how that can be done in the Czech Republic.

The fellowship for Czech students at Harvard is the fourth we have established thus far, the others being at Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania and Imperial College London. All four are completely funded in perpetuity. However, a totally unforeseen problem has developed because Czech students have not applied as we thought they would. Thus, for instance, the University of Pennsylvania could not award the fellowship last year, even though the chemist looking after this fellowship, Professor Amos Smith, is an outstanding scientist and a very fine human being.

Isabel and I have established some chairs at universities, but they have always been "add on efforts." We don't want to have our funds pay for the expenses of an existing professorship, but rather we would like to make a difference in having a new professorship. It has certainly been clear from our discussions this last year that the mechanics of how this can be accomplished in the Czech Republic do not yet exist, but we will be patient.

I am suggesting to the Foundation for a Civil Society that it contact you before our visit in June. Also, a very eminent Czech scholar, Professor Eva Kushner, is in Prague right now, and I have shared some of our correspondence with her and have asked her to contact you. She is the president of Victoria College which is part of the University of Toronto, Isabel's alma mater. It would be great if you could meet her.



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Also, we have one very able Czech chemist friend in Prague, Dr. Stanislav Radl, and another in Pardubice, Ing. Vladimir Matous, and again if time permits it would be great if you could talk to them. Both of them know what we are trying to accomplish in the Czech Republic.

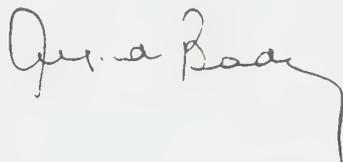
Two other matters I would like to discuss with you are relatively minor. We would like to give ten (10) students in chemistry the opportunity to attend the Loschmidt Symposium which will be held in Vienna in July of 1995. How do we best make the availability of such travel grants known to Czech students? We are thinking of giving \$5000 for 10 prizes of \$500 each, thinking that \$500 will suffice for the two or three day trip from the Czech Republic to Vienna.

Recently, we gave Queen's University, my alma mater in Canada, the funds to purchase a beautiful castle, Herstmonceux, in Sussex, and Queen's is establishing an international center there. We will bring information with us and would like to talk to you about the possibility of some Czech students spending one term each at Herstmonceux.

We hope to stay in Prague from the 12th to the 16th of June and to be at the same comfortable place you met us last year.

We much look forward to meeting you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. A. Radl". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.





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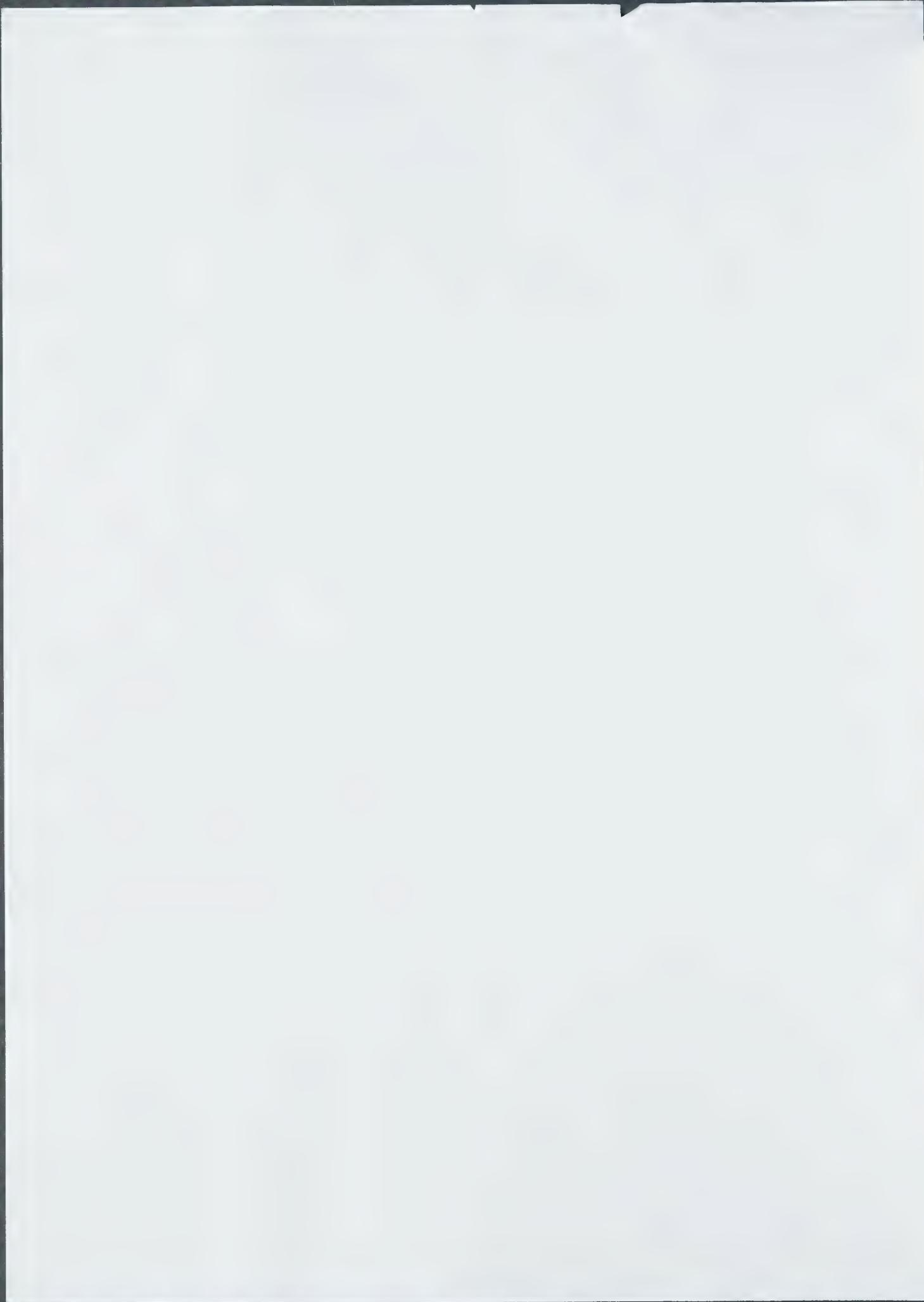
May 28, 1997

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you much for your letters from May 7 and May 22. It is nice to meet you and Mrs. Isabel soon in Prague and I shall try to be (or I should be) here on June 24-25. We could meet on morning J24 (in afternoon I am occupied with examinations) or any time on J25; I am not sure to be in Prague on Monday J23. Could you kindly fix our meeting in advance? I would appreciate the phone number to your future apartment in Husova 18. My home phone is +4202 4718 324; please do not hesitate to call any evening or night time.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,



Dr. Alfred R. Bader  
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August 6, 1993

Prof. Dr. Oldrich Paleta  
Chairman, Organic Division of the  
Czech Chemical Society  
Prague Institute of Chemical Technology  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
Technicka 5  
16628 Prague 6  
Czech Republic

Dear Prof. Paleta:

It was such a pleasure to be able to chat with you and Prof. Stibor during our visit to Prague, and I now also have to thank you for your fax, which arrived here while I was still in England.

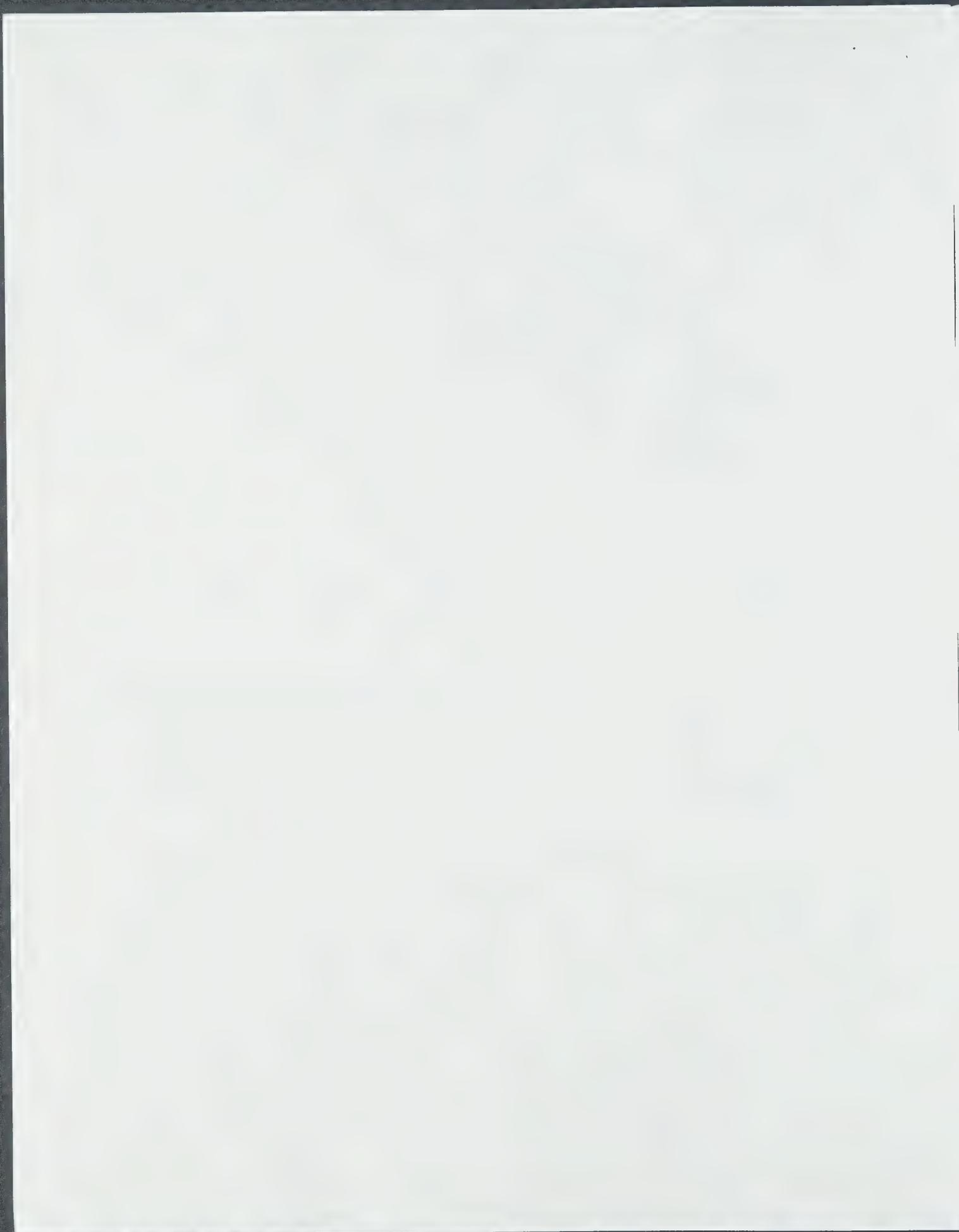
I am just delighted to know that the Czech Chemical Society has accepted our proposal to establish an Alfred Bader Award. (Incidentally, I would prefer your just calling it the Alfred Bader Award, not the Dr. Alfred Bader Award, which sounds so formal.)

I understand that at the moment interest rates which you can receive on long-term Czech government bonds are quite high, and I would like to suggest that to establish a Czech crown 100,000 annual award, you use the capital which I would like to send you to purchase long-term Czech government bonds, to give you the 100,000 crowns annually. Of course I realize that with continuing inflation, in time the award will be worth less and less. But I feel that Czech chemists need help particularly during the next few years so that I would like to maximize what they will get now and worry less about the value of this award 20 or 30 years from now. Can you purchase 30-year Czech Republic government bonds? If so, please let me know exactly what capital you will need to purchase sufficient bonds for that award, and I will then channel that amount, in dollars, through the Charter 77 Foundation.

I look forward to hearing from you, and best regards to you and Prof. Stibor.

Sincerely,





bc: Steve Branca

STEVE: Shall I ask for a paper to be submitted to the ACTA by each award winner?

Dr. Alfred R. Bader  
2961 North Shepard Avenue  
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August 6, 1993

Prof. Dr. Oldrich Paleta  
Chairman, Organic Division of the  
Czech Chemical Society  
Prague Institute of Chemical Technology  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
Technicka 5  
16628 Prague 6  
Czech Republic

Dear Prof. Paleta:

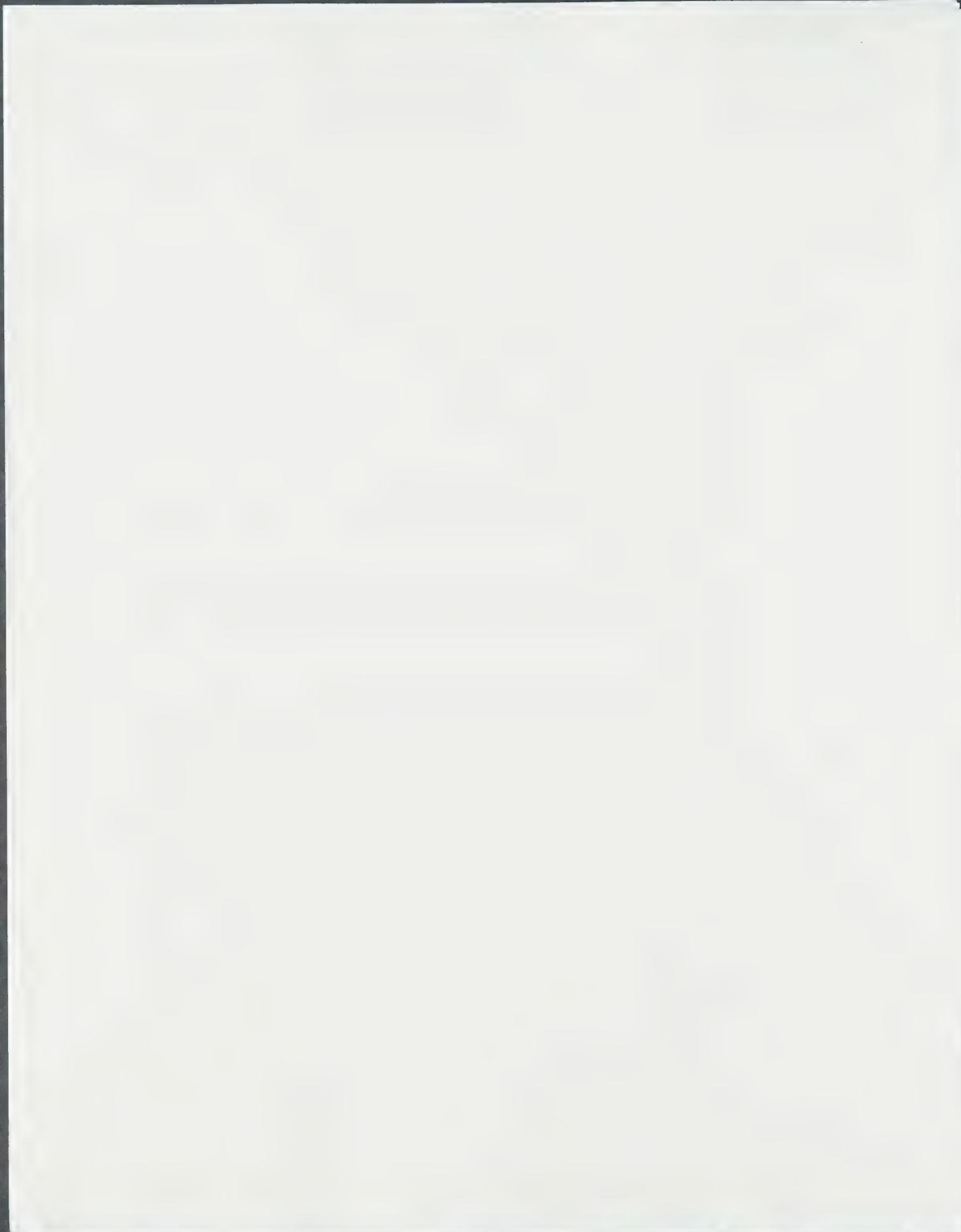
It was such a pleasure to be able to chat with you and Prof. Stibor during our visit to Prague, and I now also have to thank you for your fax, which arrived here while I was still in England.

I am just delighted to know that the Czech Chemical Society has accepted our proposal to establish an Alfred Bader Award. (Incidentally, I would prefer your just calling it the Alfred Bader Award, not the Dr. Alfred Bader Award, which sounds so formal.)

I understand that at the moment interest rates which you can receive on long-term Czech government bonds are quite high, and I would like to suggest that to establish a Czech crown 100,000 annual award, you use the capital which I would like to send you to purchase long-term Czech government bonds, to give you the 100,000 crowns annually. Of course I realize that with continuing inflation, in time the award will be worth less and less. But I feel that Czech chemists need help particularly during the next few years so that I would like to maximize what they will get now and worry less about the value of this award 20 or 30 years from now. Can you purchase 30-year Czech Republic government bonds? If so, please let me know exactly what capital you will need to purchase sufficient bonds for that award, and I will then channel that amount, in dollars, through the Charter 77 Foundation.

I look forward to hearing from you, and best regards to you and Prof. Stibor.

Sincerely,



FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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October 7, 1993

TO: Professor Oldrich Paleta  
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Prague Institute of Chemical Technology  
FAX: 011 422 243 11082

Dear Professor Paleta:

Thank you for your informative fax of yesterday.

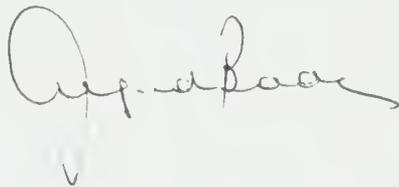
I am surprised that the income earned on the gift will be taxed at 25%.

During our visit to Prague, we met Professor Rudolf Zahradnik, the President of the Czech Academy of Sciences. I am certain that he was sincere when he told us that we could ask for his help and advice whenever needed. I will now ask him whether the Academy does not have a way of receiving income tax-free.

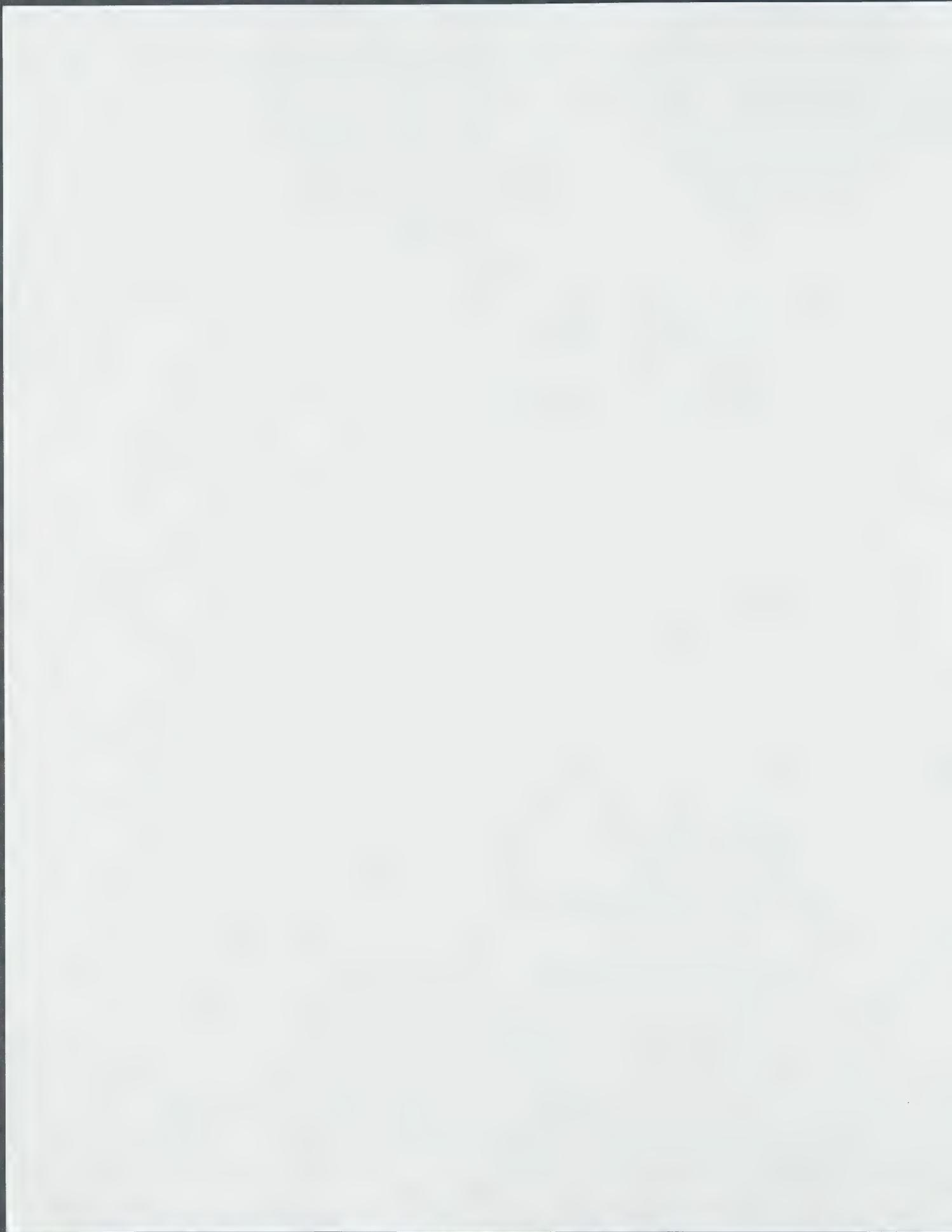
This is particularly important to us because we are considering giving the capital for a chair in chemistry, and the 25% tax would be a much larger sum than the tax on the income for the award in chemistry.

We look forward to being able to finalize on this award.

All good wishes and best regards,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alfred Bader', with a small checkmark below it.



*Dear Dr. Bader: Please correct the account numbers. O.P.*

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Dr. Alfred Bader, USA,  
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TN39 3ER, England

Prague, Dec. 15, 1993

Dear Dr. Bader:

I have the pleasure to inform you that Czech Chemical Society has reserved for the deposit for "Alfred Bader Award" an account in the bank. The address and the number are as follows:

Česká spořitelna a.s.  
Václavské nám. 42, Praha 1  
account no.: 561656-18/0800 *561656-018/0800*

I was contacted by Dr. Z. Brož who informed me about the preparation of a law about non-profitable organizations. Incomes of such organizations, e.g. Czech Chem. Society etc., would not be taxed. The proposal of the law will be submitted to parliament in early 1994.

Since our meeting in June 1993 I have tried to inform you completely about all problems, uncertainties and possible risks connected with the Award, especially with its future. The people involved tried to find the most safe way. As a result of this effort of the Chem. Society was the proposal of "A. Bader Foundation", which not acceptable for you. The second variant, i.e. direct deposit in the Chem. Society can be save. However, it must be considered that the Chem. Society can completely separate from the Academy of Sciences; probably, in this "divorce" there will be no division of all bank accounts.

My personal wish is to assist in creation of the award of highest prestige. I am of opinion the prestige will also be connected with the financial part of the Award. The sum of 100,000 Czech crowns is sufficiently high at present time, but could become negligible after ten years. To avoid such situation I am of opinion that the Award has to follow the year inflation.

If such conception will be accepted it is necessary: 1) to increase the initial deposit, 2) stepwise increase the basic deposit from year to year with superfluous yield from interest. I consulted this problem with several experts. It can be concluded that the initial deposit of 60,000 USD can secure excellent function of "Alfred Bader Award" for ever. This is my personal proposal.

I hope you will receive this letter in UK.

I would like to wish you and your wife Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

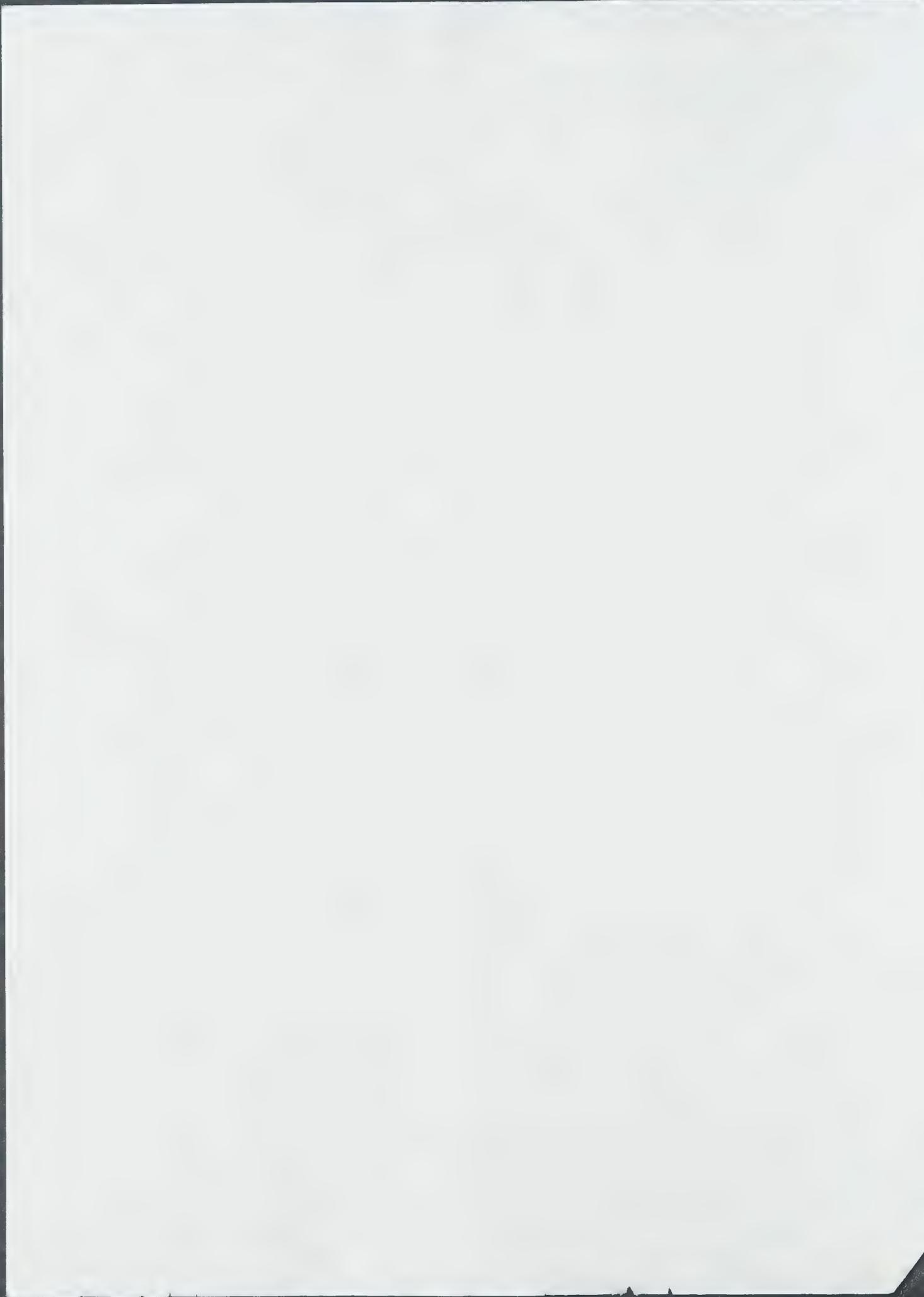
Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Oldřich Paleta

*P.S.: This is a copy of the letter that I sent you to UK.*

*O.P.*





# ČESKÁ SPOLEČNOST CHEMICKÁ

Czech Chemical Society

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## Zápis ze schůze Komise pro udělování ceny Alfeda Badera č. 2 ze dne 1. 9. 1994.

Přítomni: (pp, dr, prof. etc. etc.) Bláhová, Čáský, Červinka, Drašar, Hanuš, Paleta, Plešek, Pytela, Suing, Simánek, Trnka, Závada

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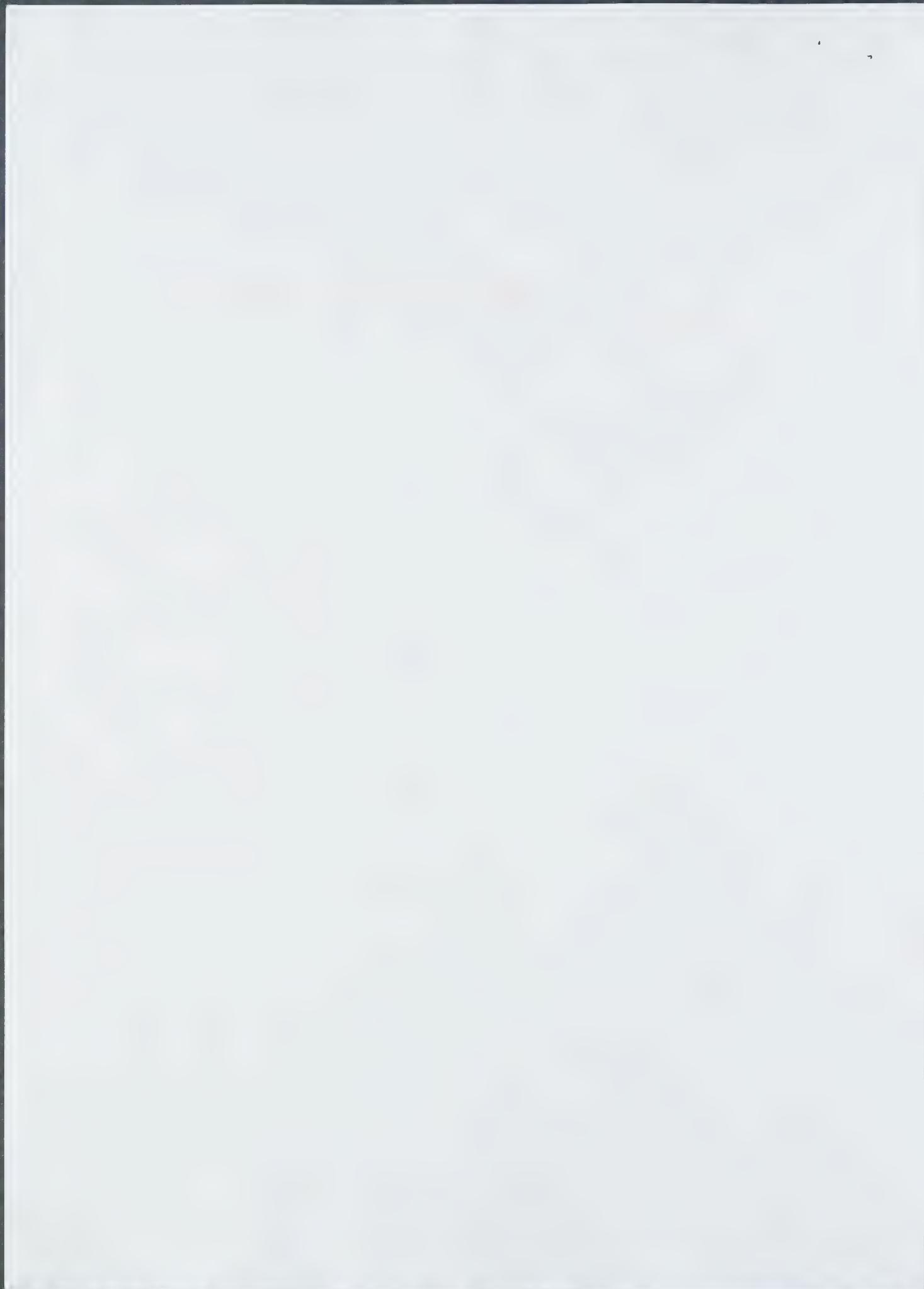
Nepřítomni:

1. Zasedání proběhlo pod předsednictvím prof. Palety.
2. Komise schválila návrh Statutu Komise, který dr. Drašar vyhotovil v české a anglické verzi. Komise dále schválila Statut ceny a Postup komise, zpracované na základě minulého zápisu. Komise schválila zápis č. 1 v rozeslané verzi.
3. Korespondenčně se vyjádřili ke kandidátům členové komise takto (stran jejich postupu do druhého kola:

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Jindřich	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	5
Havlíček	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	4
Rejzek	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	2
Marek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

4. Vyhotovení diplomu k ceně zajistí Nadace pro občanskou společnost, schválen bude návrh per rollam.
5. Po rozsáhlé diskuzi stran vymezení pojmu biochemie, organická chemie a bioorganická chemie komise dospěla k názoru tato vymezení nekodifikovat a ponechat je ad hoc rozhodnutí na základě studia konkrétního přihlášeného díla. Na základě diskuze pak vyřadila z dalšího postupu kandidáty, kteří nesplnili oborový požadavek zakladatele ceny. Bezouška vyřazen všemi hlasy, Havlíček vyřazen 8mi hlasy ku 2, Marek vyřazen všemi hlasy.
6. V dalším hlasování postoupili do konečného rozhodovacího kola pp. Starý, Hoskovec a Jindřich, všemi hlasy. Všemi hlasy bylo dále rozhodnuto o tom, že na tomto zasedání lze hlasovat o konečném verdiktu komise.
7. V neveřejném neanonymním hlasování byl vybrán vítěz soutěže o cenu A. Badera I. Starý (všemi hlasy), druhé a třetí místo sdílí pp. Hoskovec a Jindřich.
8. Členové komise se usnesli na tom, že jméno vítěze je možno ihned zveřejnit ale všechny ostatní podrobnosti jednání komise jsou důvěrné.
9. Komise navrhuje rozšíření stavu členů o prof. Kratochvíla. Usnesla se, že uzávěrka příštího kola pro rok 1995 bude konec května 1995.

\* zápsal Drašar



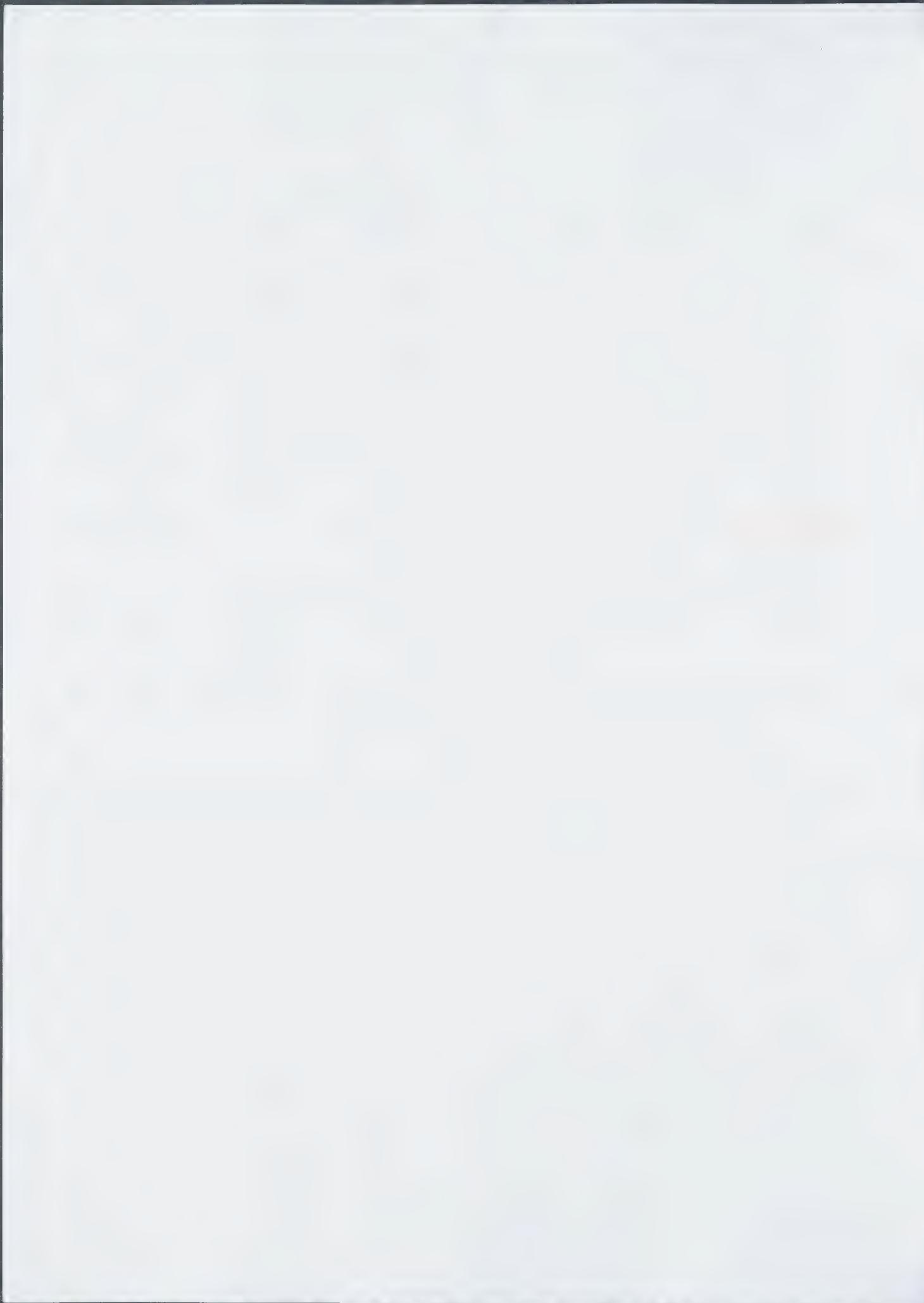
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Starý	20.1.1961	33	PF KU OCH a UOCHB 1984	UOCHB 1990	UOCHB
Hoskovec	28.8.1963	31	VŠCHT OCH 1987	UOCHB 1992	UOCHB
Jindřich	13.4.1964	30	PF KU OCH 1987	UOCHB 1992	PF KU OCH od 1.10.1994
Rejzek	4.5.1965	29	PF KU OCH 1988	UOCHB 1994	UOCHB
Havlíček	2.6.1987	27	VŠCHT, Praha OT 1990	-	Mikrobiolog. ústav
Marek	24.6.1962	32	VŠCHT, kat. polymerů 1985	Makrom. ústav AV ČR 1989	Makromol. ústav AV ČR

## 2. Publikační činnost

Jméno	Publikace celkem	Publikace otištěné	Publikace v tisku	Přednášky a poster	Patenty	Návrh podává
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Starý	13	13	-	neudány		dr. Závada
Hoskovec	11	8	3	neudány		sám
Jindřich	7	6	1 <sup>x</sup>	3	2	sám
Rejzek	9	6	3	7	1	sám
Havlíček	20	15	5	3		dr. Jegorov
Marek	12	10	2	7		sám

<sup>x</sup>2 publikace v přípravě



October 11, 1996

Professor Oldrich Paleta  
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Dear Professor Paleta:

I am happy to note from your fax of October 4th that the third winner of the Bader Prize has now been chosen. Of course, I will turn over to the Foundation for a Civil Society the funds required for the next three awards.

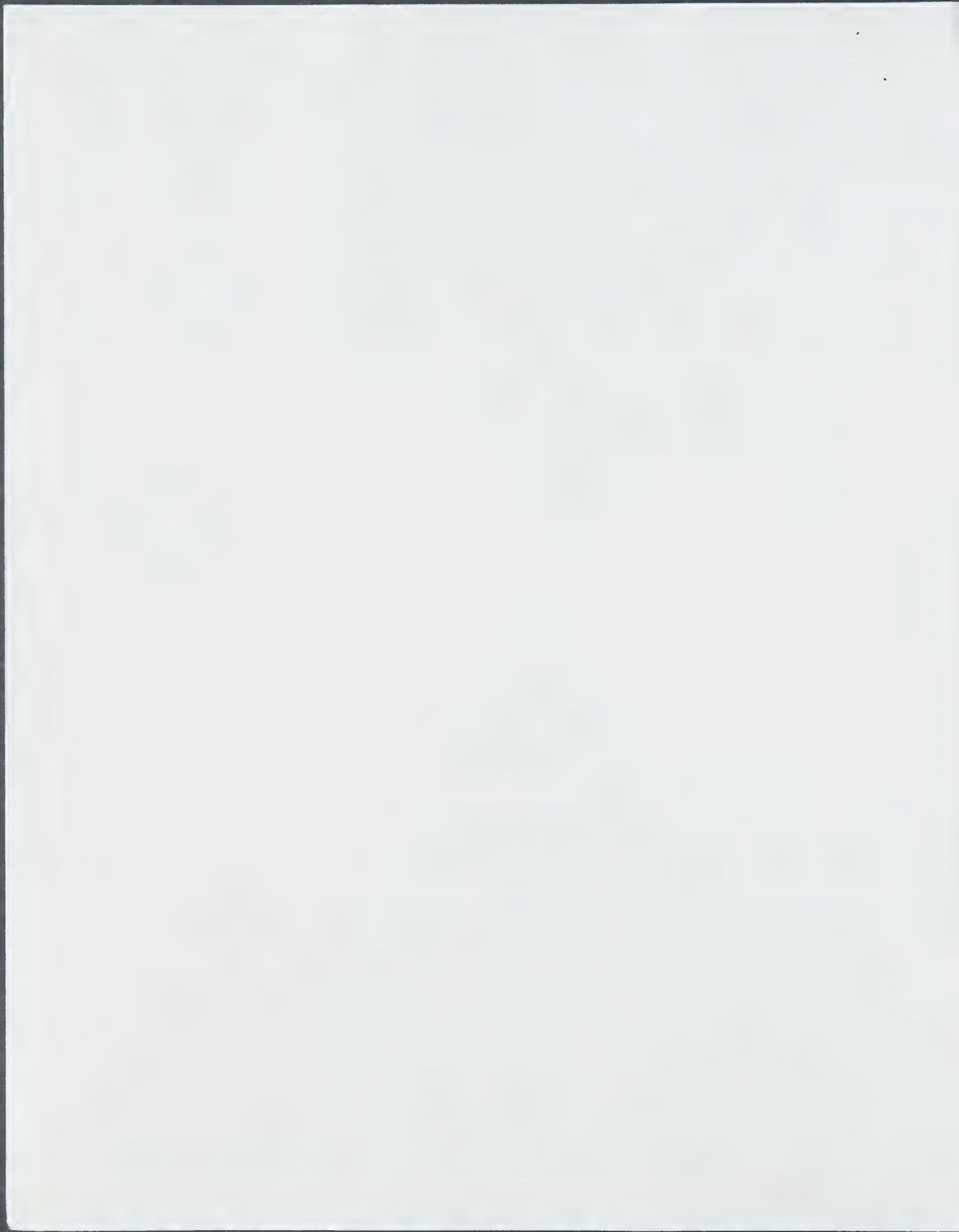
Ms. Hannah Evans has kindly sent me a copy of her letter to you of September 20th regarding clear communication to award winners. Perhaps the best solution to this problem would be to give award winners the choice of either receiving 100,000kc which are taxable or 80,000kc which are not taxable.

Last year, I received the Parsons Award from the American Chemical Society which includes a check for \$3,000 on which I had to pay tax. Czech chemists are fortunate that they have the alternative, as the tax I had to pay was greater than 20%. It is just a matter of clear language in the award.

I don't think that changing the award to a grant is desirable, because the award winner should be free to use the money as he likes. If he wants to take his family to the Riviera, so be it.

Much more important to Isabel and me is the question we discussed in Prague in June. You convinced us that our original plan is just not feasible, simply because professorial salaries in the Czech Republic are so low. The problem is highlighted by the future of the Bader Fellows at American and English universities.

You know that the last thing we wanted to do was to cause a brain drain of the best young Czech chemists to Britain or America.



Professor Oldrich Paleta

October 11, 1996

Page 2

The first Czech graduate from London, Dr. Nic, has returned to Prague and that made us very happy.

The first graduate from Columbia, Dr. Miroslav Rezac, has accepted a post-doctoral position with Professor Bartlett at Berkeley, and I enclose a copy of the letter which I sent to him.

The first Bader Fellow at Harvard, Milan Chytil, is brilliant, as explained by Professor Gregory Verdine, whose description I enclose.

The key question, for which I need your help to answer, is how to get chemists of the ability of Rezac and Chytil back to the Czech Republic.

Would it be possible to meet with you and Professor Zahradnik and Hannah Evans in Prague next June to discuss what we could do to help?

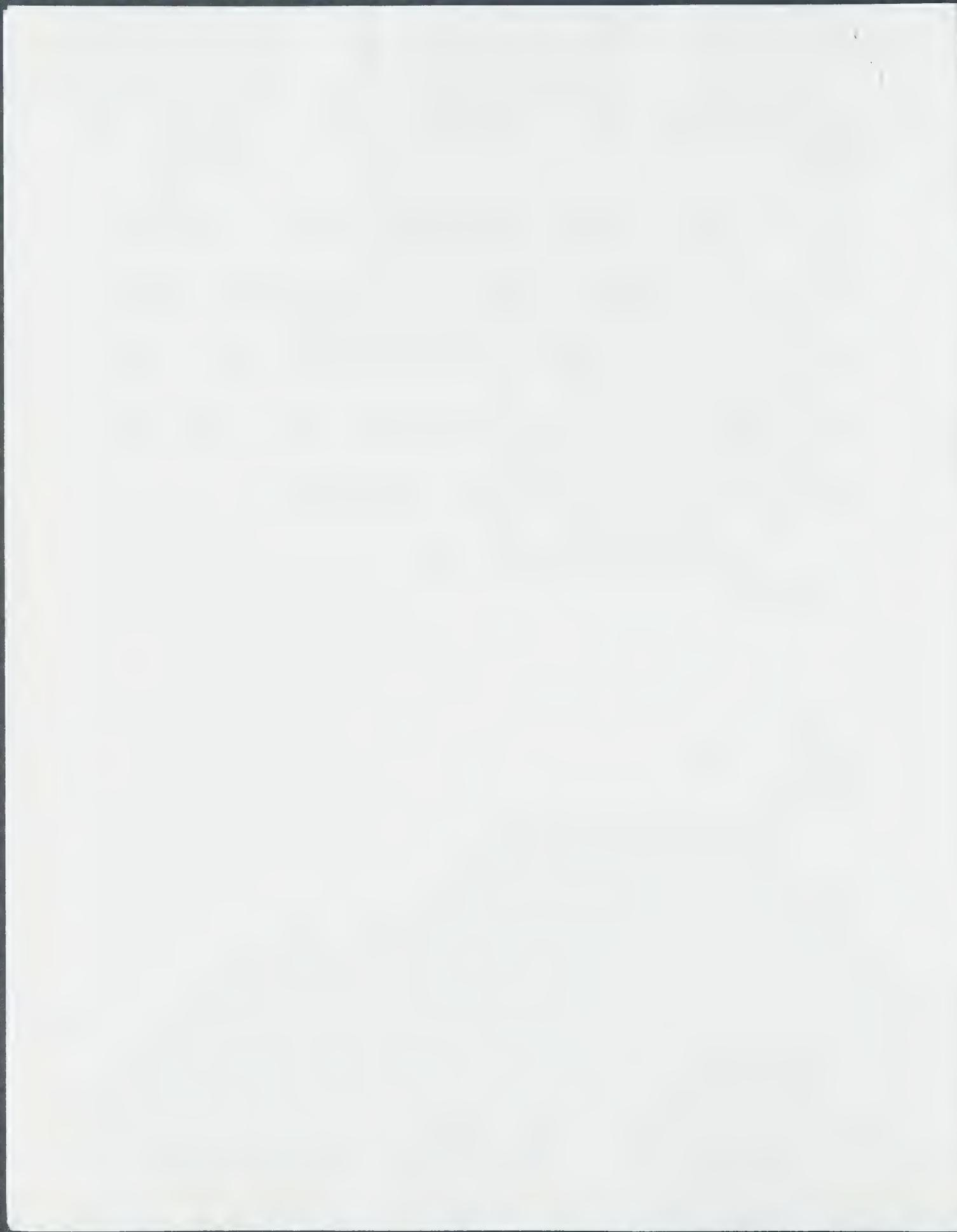
With best personal regards from Isabel and me, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosures

c: Ms. Hannah Evans  
Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik



FAX FROM



*DR. ALFRED BADER*  
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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

September 23, 1997

Page 1 of \_\_\_\_

To: Professor Oldrich Paleta  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
Prague Institute of Chemical Technology

Fax: 4202 2431 1082

Dear Professor Paleta:

I am happy to be able to tell you that the Executive Committee of the Foundation for a Civil Society met on September 14th and approved of helping Isabel and me to transmit funds to help the research of the Bader Fellows that return to Czech institutions.

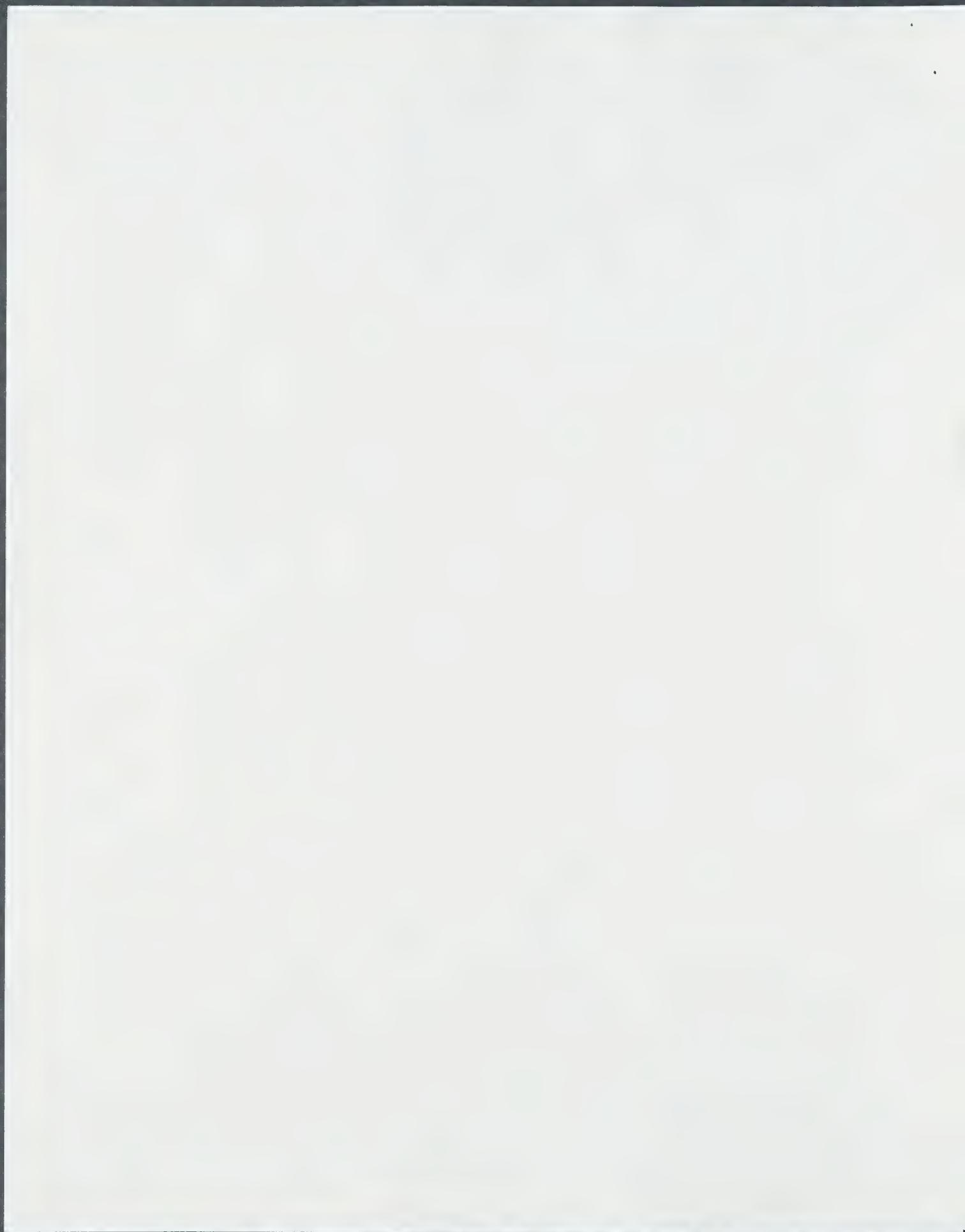
I wrote to you in detail about that on August 15th, and as I have not had your reply, fear that my letter might have gotten lost, and so I now enclose a copy.

Clearly, the two most important questions which I hope you can answer are:

- (1) How can the Czech chemist - the first would be Dr. Nic - receive the money without having to pay Czech income taxes? We, of course, would like him to use the money to help his students, and so logically, the money should not be taxable.

Over the years, I have given sums generally ranging from \$5,000-10,000 to a great many American chemists at universities here, and they have used the money to help their students without having to pay taxes.

- (2) In the United States, universities have not asked that a percentage of our gift be taken by the university as overhead. But that might be different in the Czech Republic, and if, in your opinion, the universities should take a relatively small portion, what should it be?



Professor Oldrich Paleta  
September 23, 1997  
Page Two

I was happy to learn yesterday that Milan Chytil, the first Bader Fellow at Harvard University working with Professor Verdine, will be leaving the United States on October 7th to visit Czech universities and to discuss his experiences. Hopefully, that will lead to more Czech students applying for the fellowships.

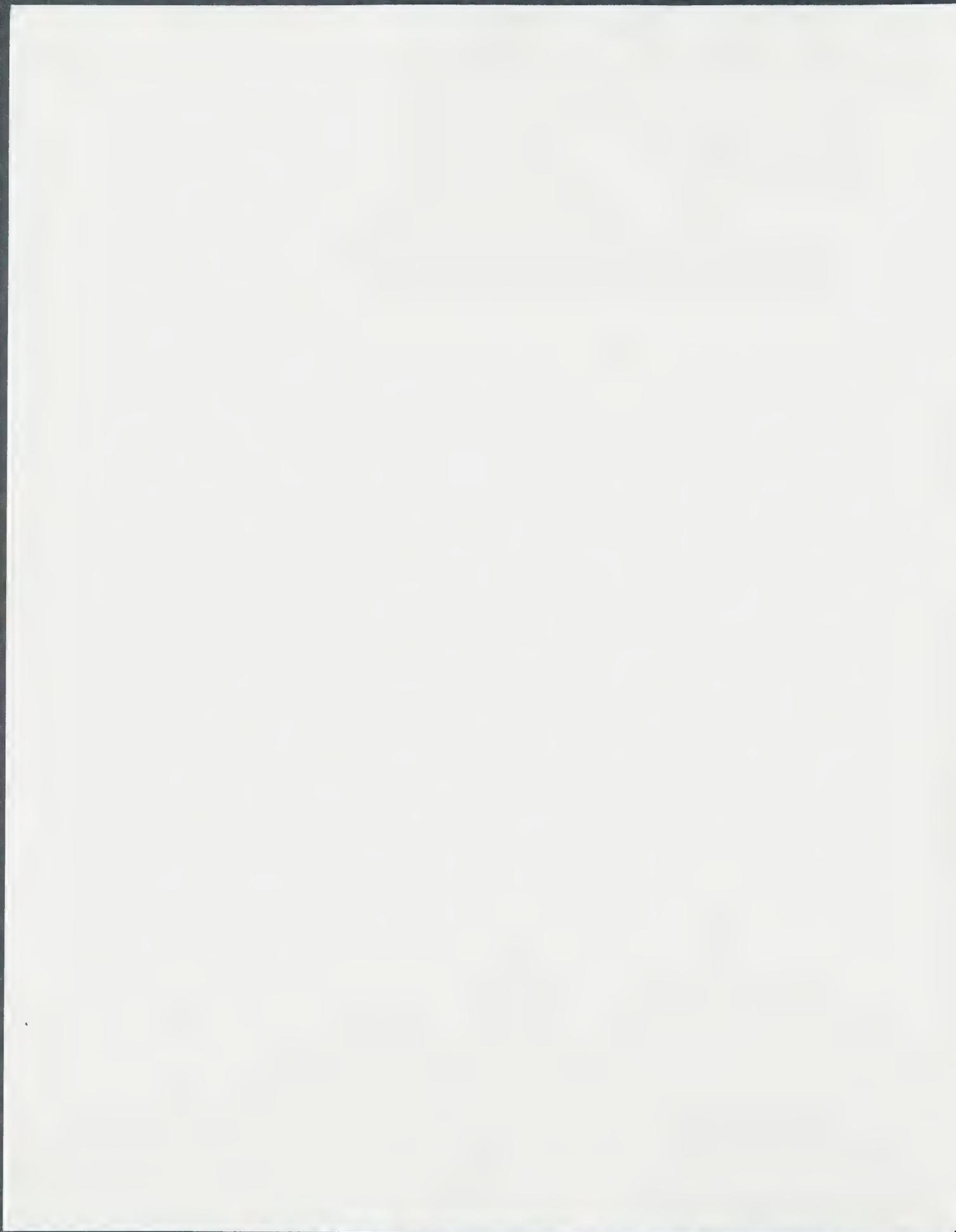
I very much look forward to hearing from you and remain with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosures

bc: Mr. A. Dwayne Linville



# THE EVOLUTION OF A CIVIL SOCIETY

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2. The Role of the State

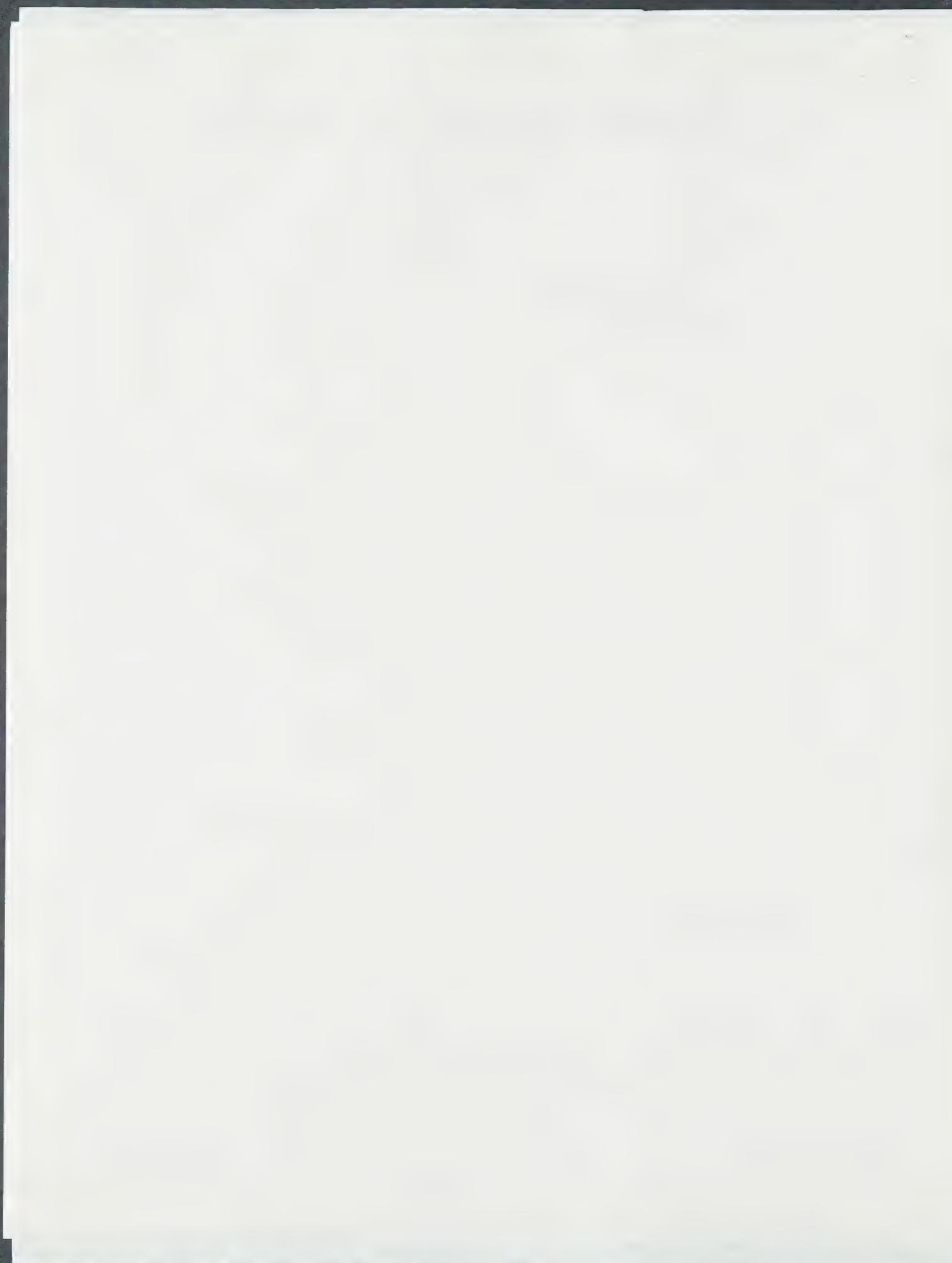
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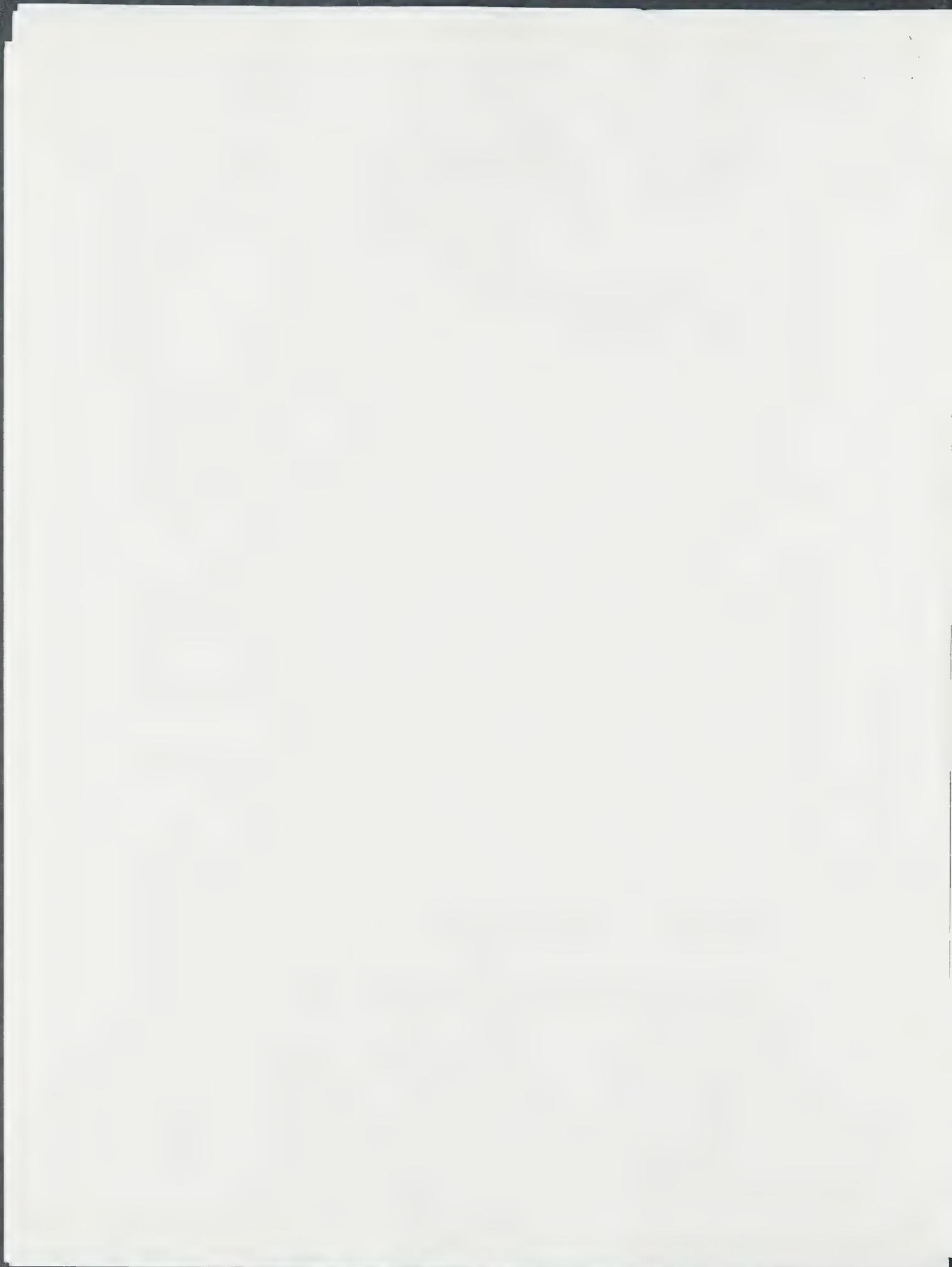
The evolution of a civil society is a process that has been ongoing since the beginning of time. It is a process that has been shaped by the interactions of the state, the market, the community, and the individual. The state has played a crucial role in the development of civil society, providing the legal framework and the infrastructure necessary for its growth. The market has also played a significant role, providing the economic resources and the incentives necessary for its development. The community has played a vital role, providing the social norms and the values that guide its behavior. The individual has played a central role, providing the energy and the creativity necessary for its progress.

In conclusion, the evolution of a civil society is a complex and multifaceted process. It is a process that has been shaped by the interactions of the state, the market, the community, and the individual. The state has played a crucial role in the development of civil society, providing the legal framework and the infrastructure necessary for its growth. The market has also played a significant role, providing the economic resources and the incentives necessary for its development. The community has played a vital role, providing the social norms and the values that guide its behavior. The individual has played a central role, providing the energy and the creativity necessary for its progress.



# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

[The following text is extremely faint and illegible due to the quality of the scan. It appears to be a list of names and titles, possibly a faculty directory or a list of graduates.]





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

August 22, 1997

**Professor Oldrich Paleta**  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
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166 28 Prague 6  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Paleta:

You may recall that earlier this year there appeared an article in *C&E News* questioning whether Moravian petroleum contained fullerenes.

You kindly supplied me with samples which I then asked my good friend, Dr. David Walton at the University of Sussex, to analyze to see whether fullerenes were included.

David Walton is one of the ablest collaborators of Sir Harry Kroto who received his Nobel prize for his fullerene work.

You will note from Dr. Walton's analysis that the Moravian oil does not contain the slightest trace of the  $C_{60}$  molecule.

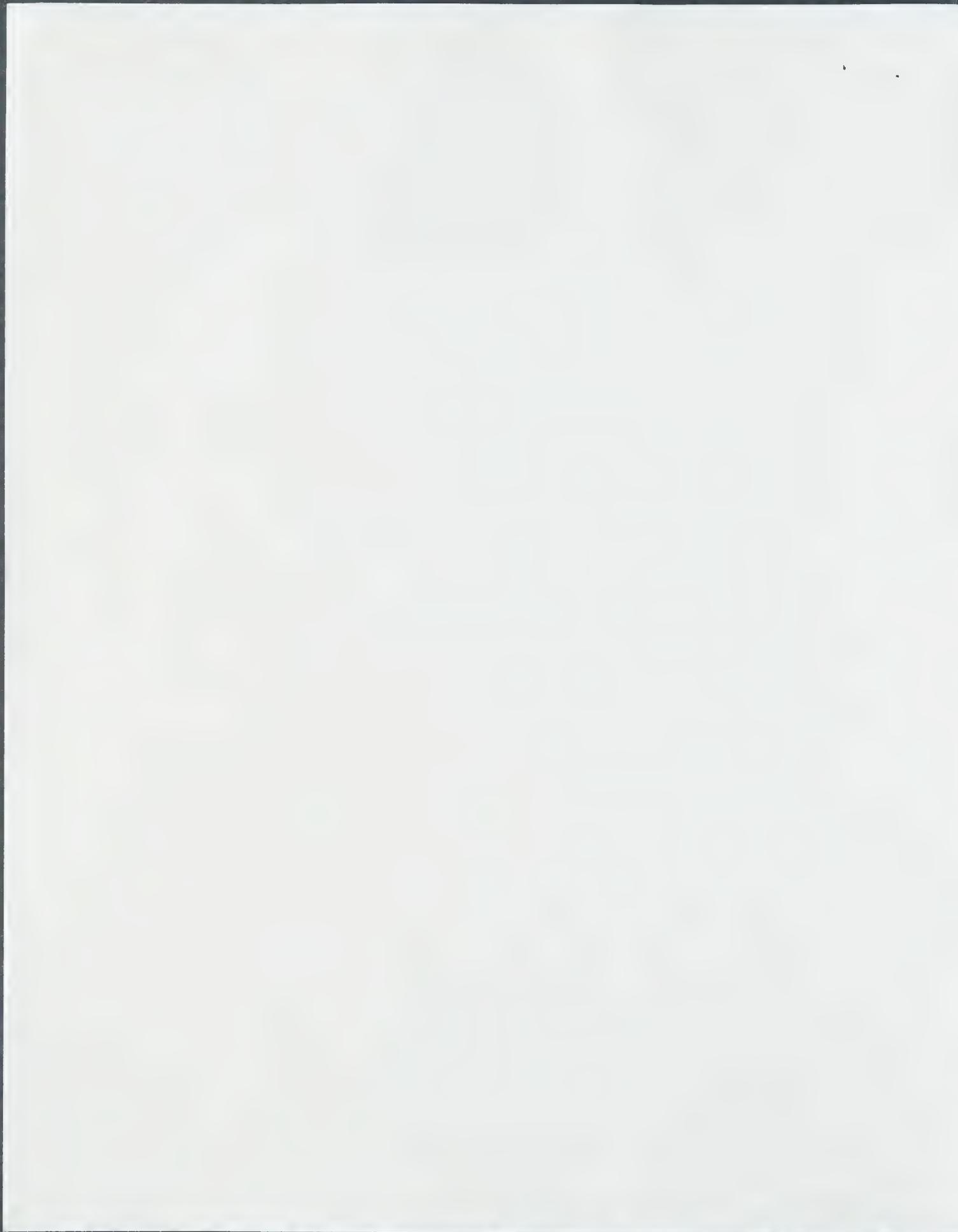
It was worth a try!

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/nik

Enclosures



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13 August 1997

Dr A Bader  
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USA

Dear Alfred

Our mass spec expert has carefully examined the samples you sent and I enclose copies of the relevant print-outs. A - covering the mass range up to 1100 and B - close inspection of the 600-780 range. If the slightest trace of  $C_{60}$  were to be present the 720 line would be enhanced. It is not, so our conclusion is that  $C_{60}$  is absent. I hope this result does not come as too much of a disappointment.

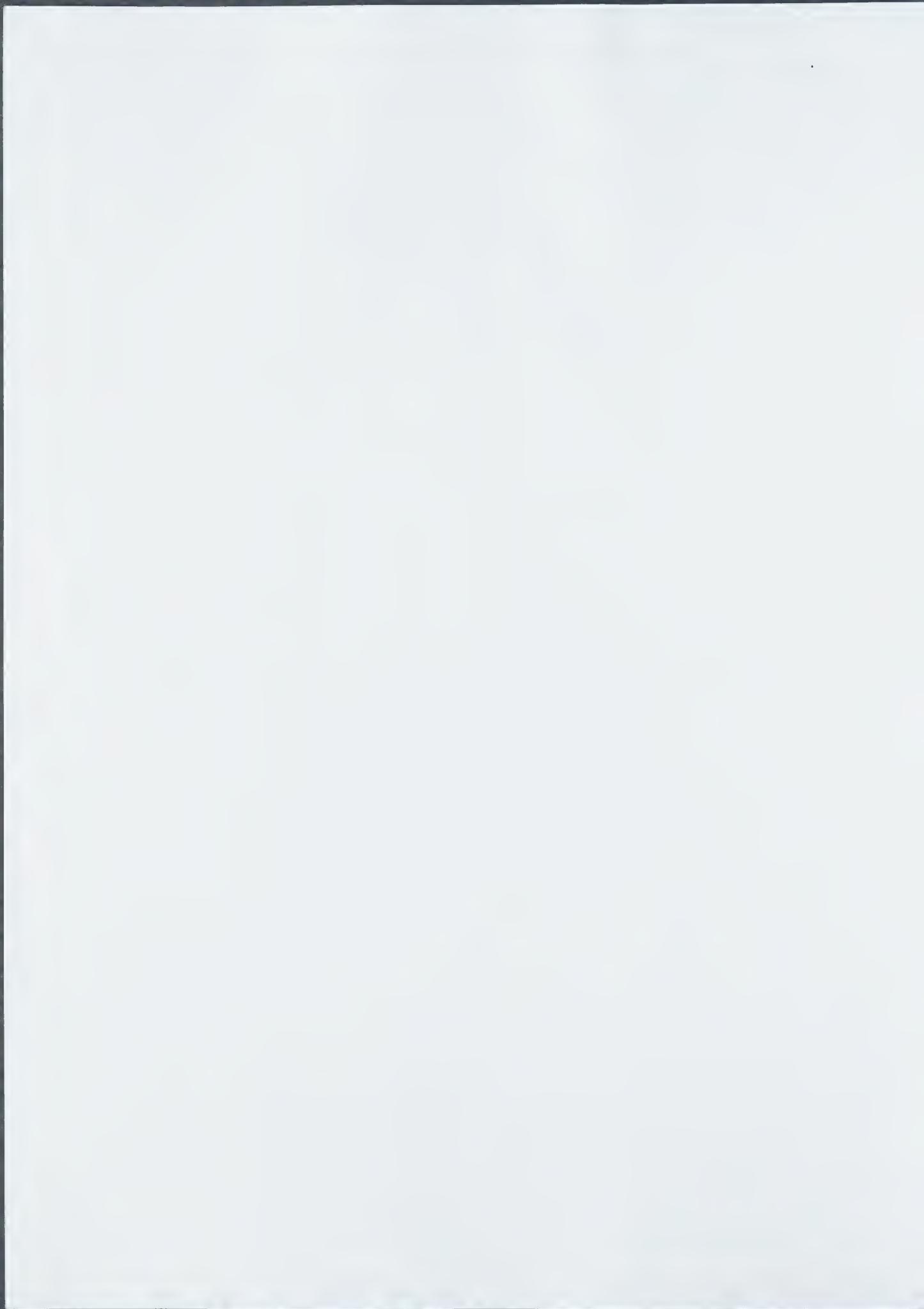
With best regards.

Yours sincerely

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D R M Walton

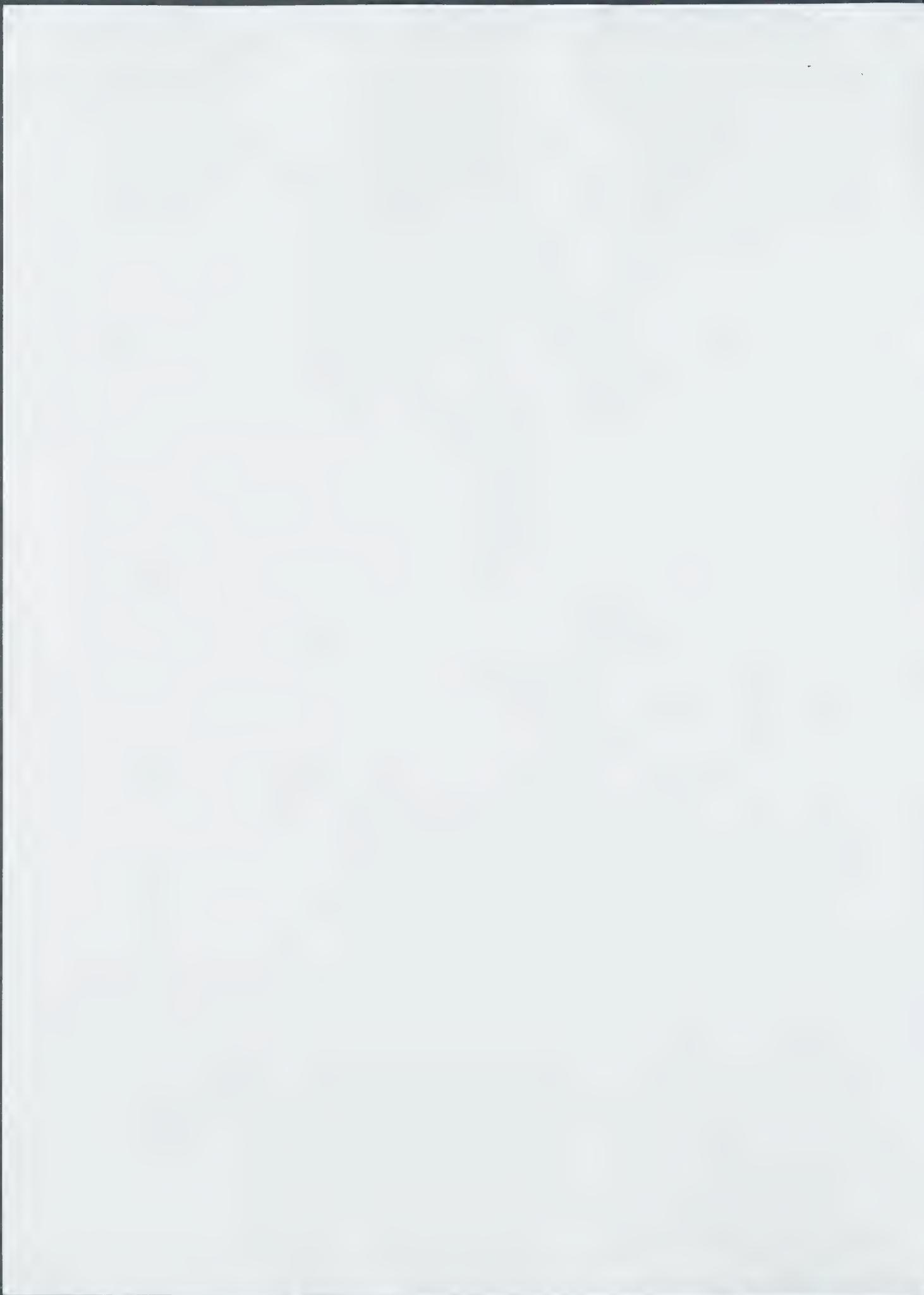
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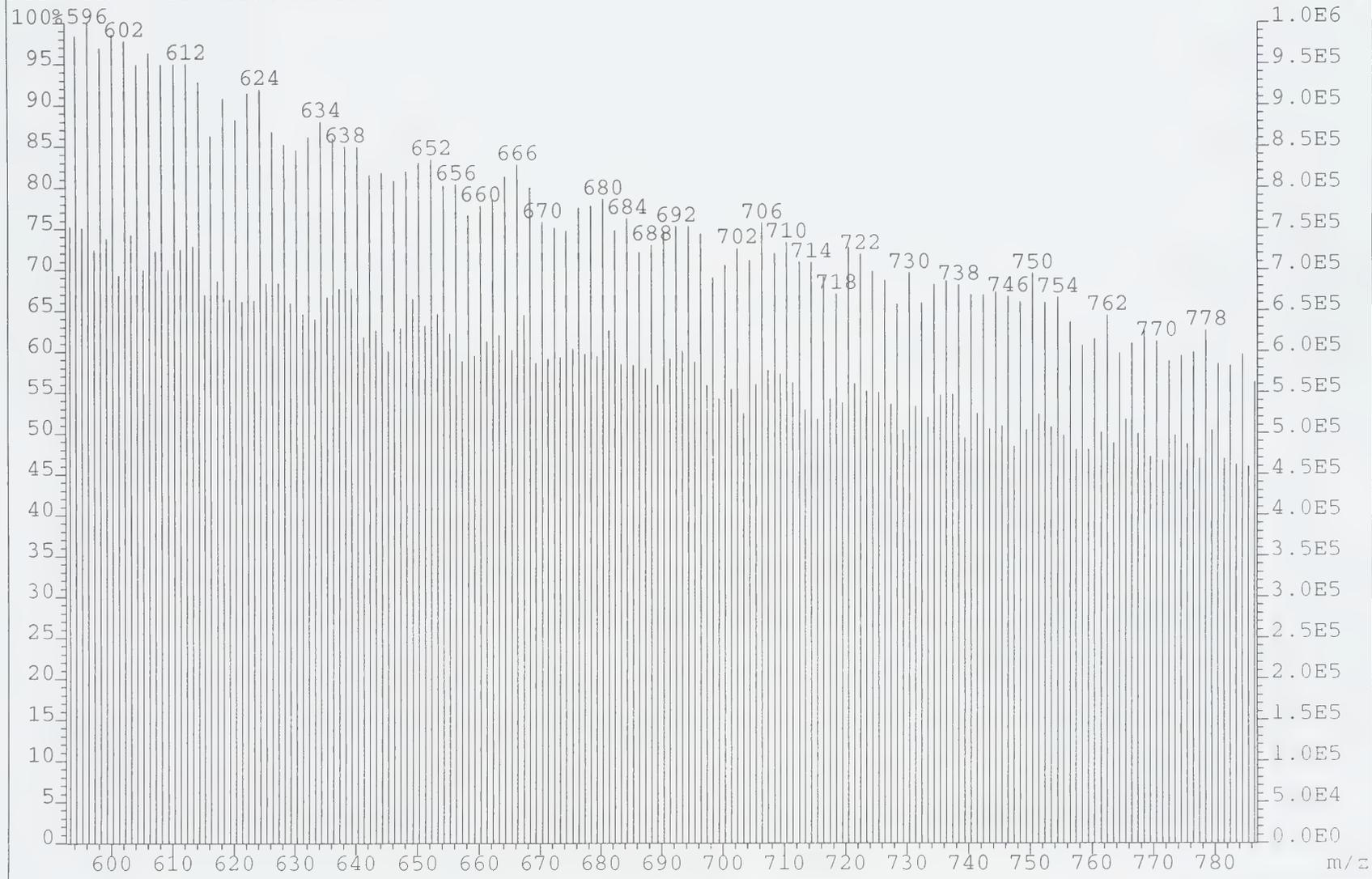
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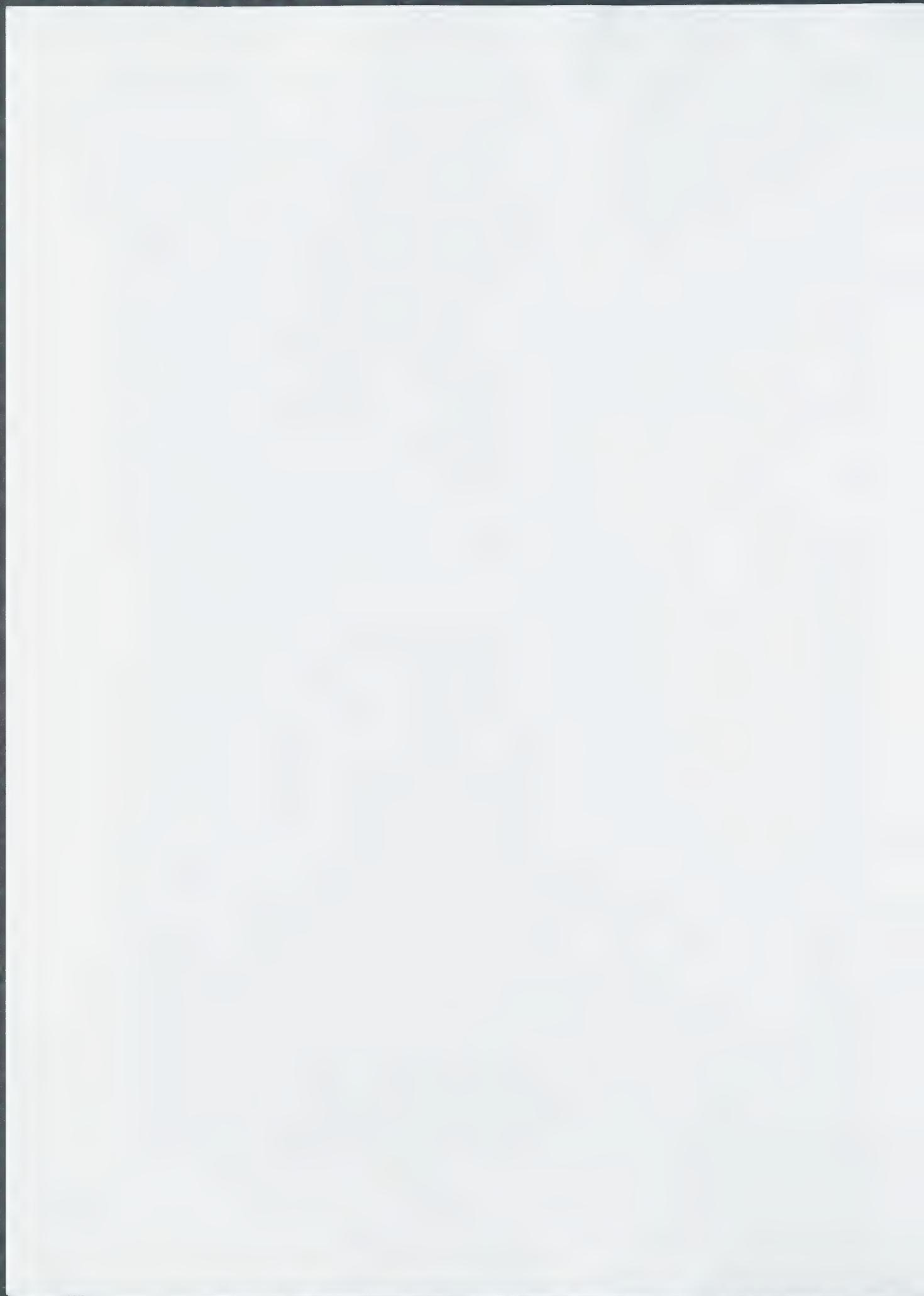




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Jan. 31, 1997

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you for your letter from January 16. I am a little surprised with your reaction to the fact that the Alfred Bader Award was given in 1996 to Dr. J. Havlíček.

The Award is given young Czech chemists for their contribution to the development of organic and bioorganic chemistry. Surely, they exist potentially borderline cases, in which is not clear at the first sight if the collection of papers submitted belongs or not to the awarded area.

Such a case was Dr. Havlíček's collection. There was a broad and deep discussion on appropriateness of his collection and on similar situations; at the end the majority of the Commission decided to include him as candidate. Then he was evaluated in further runs of selection among other candidates according to democratic procedure (ballot voting, discussion between runs). In the last run the Commission selected him as the best from the last two candidates, by the majority of votes (5:3).

The Commission consists of internationally known organic and bioorganic chemists which are also known as personalities. The decision of the Commission is final and irrevocable.

A guarantee of the right judgement of the Commission is based on the qualities of its members and on fully democratic procedure of the selection. The members vote independently to wishes of other persons, groups or institutions - like judges and they must be responsible only to their conscience.

I do hope that you will understand why I cannot promise you the result of the voting of the Commission in the future. Concerning me as the present chairman, I can only promise you that I supervise that the democratic procedure of the selection is kept.

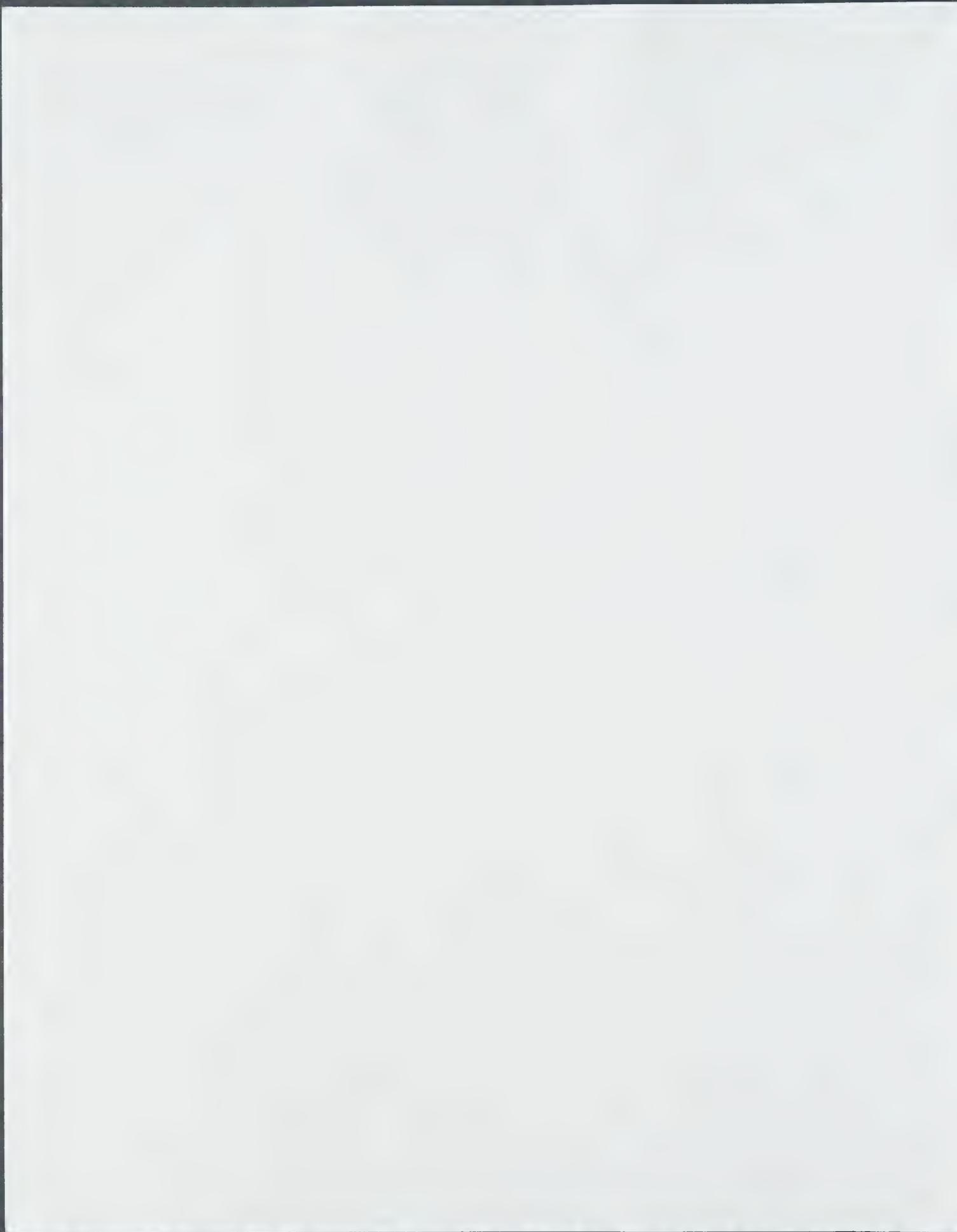
I hand over your letter to Prof. J. Horák, the chairman of the Czech Chemical Society especially from the reason that you will give generously 330,000kc for the payment on the next three years' awards.

I am not sure if I expressed exactly in English that I would tell you in this letter - it is a rather difficult stylistic essay for me, but I hope you will understand me. I hope that it will be occasion to discuss more broadly this affair directly with you in June during your visit to Prague.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Isabel,

Sincerely yours,

Oldřich Paleta





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

May 7, 1997

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Dear Professor Paleta:

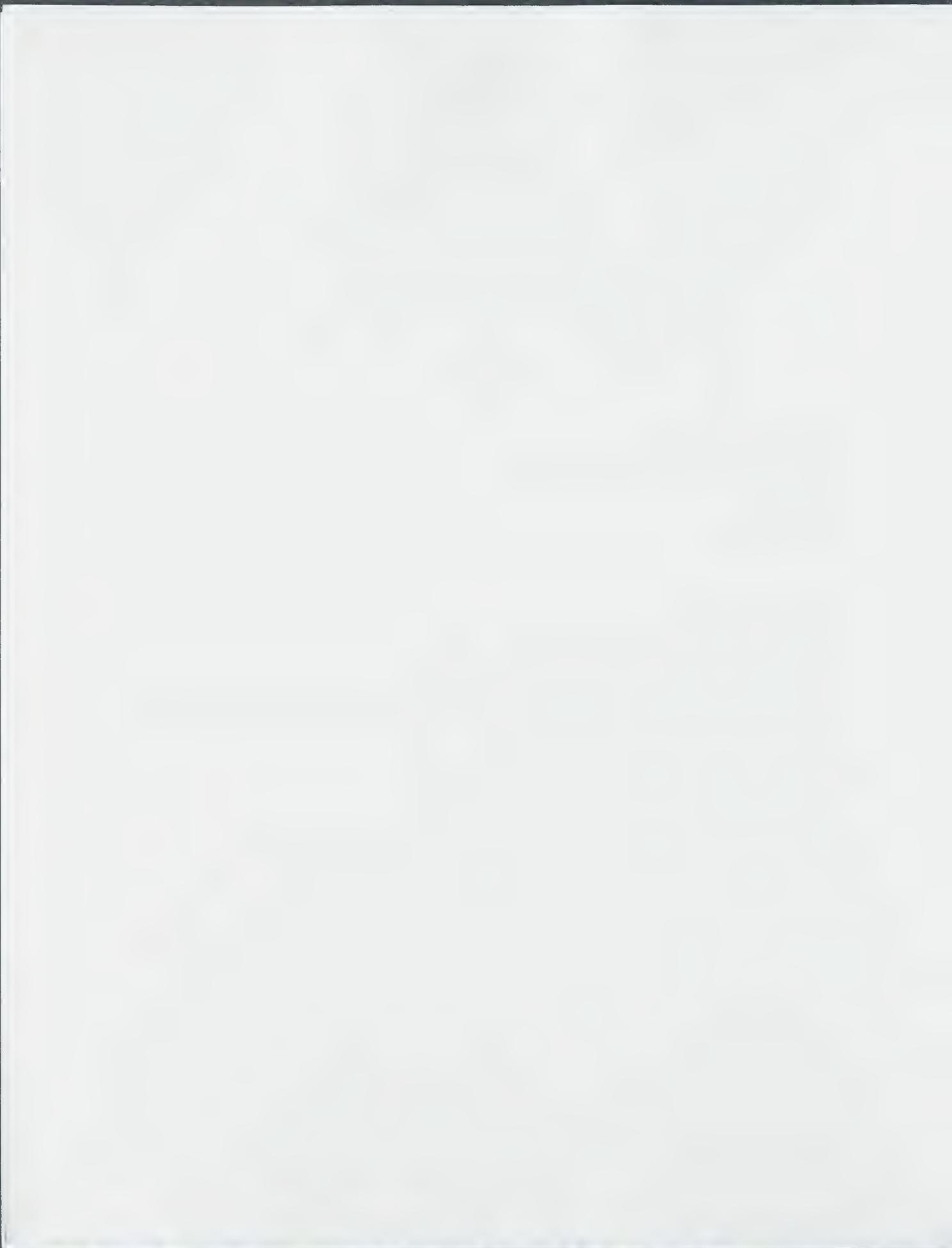
Isabel and I will be in Prague, staying in the same apartment, Husova 18, from June 23-25.

We very much hope to have a chance to meet with you. We would like to discuss the progress of the Bader Fellows (all are doing very well) and how we can help Czech chemists further.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw



May 22, 1997

Professor Oldrich Paleta  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
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166 28 Prague 6  
Czech Republic

*Via fax: 422-2431-1082 and Mail*

Dear Professor Paleta:

As you know, Isabel and I look forward to being in Prague from June 23rd to 25th and very much hope to have a chance to meet with you to discuss a number of matters.

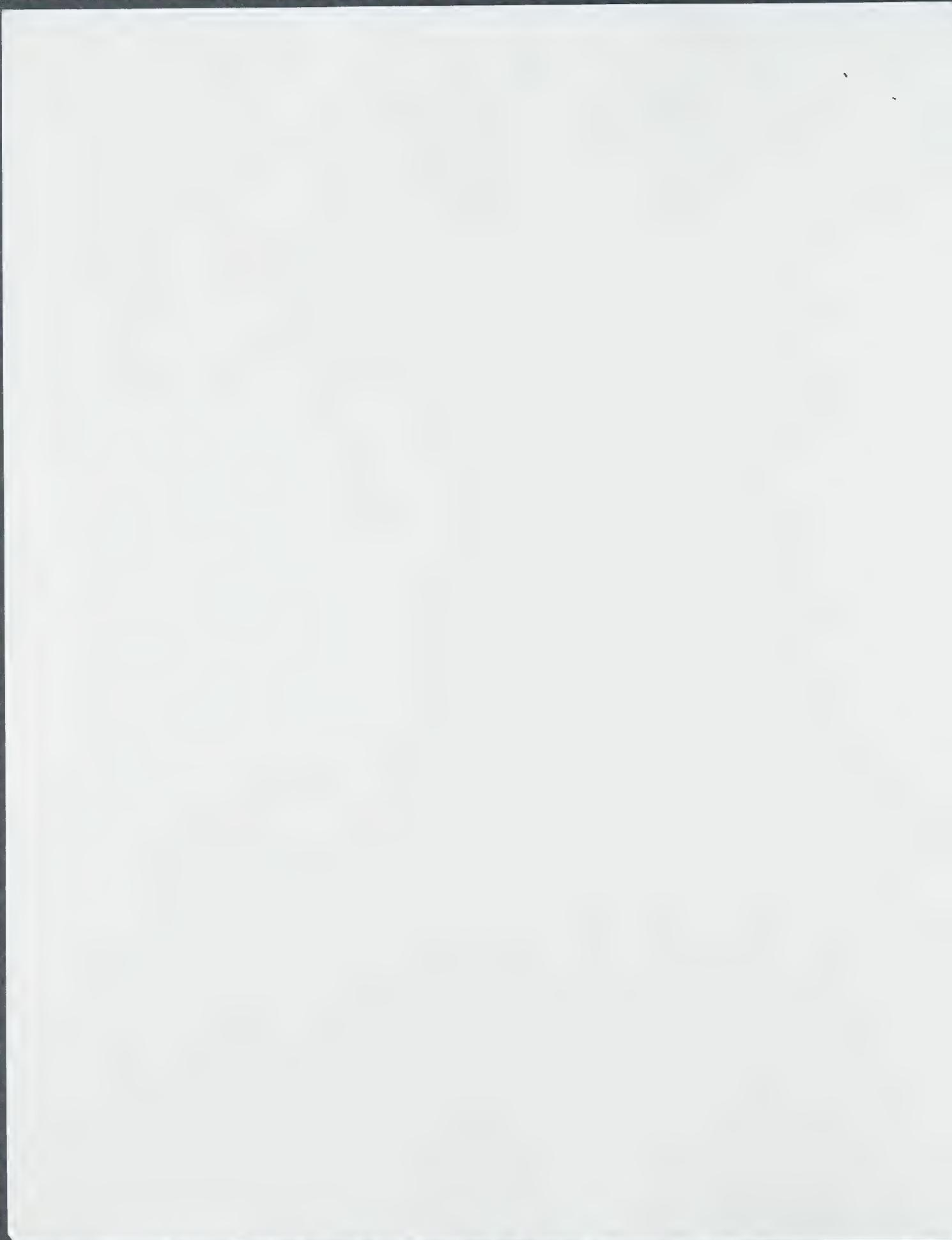
I have delayed responding to your fax of January 31st and Dr. Drasar's fax to Ms. Hannah Evans of January 23rd - both regarding the Bader Award - because I wanted to ask a number of chemists whether they consider Dr. Havlicek's work to be in organic chemistry. There was, of course, no hurry in my replying because we have transmitted the funds for the next three years' awards to the Foundation for a Civil Society and so you know that we would like to continue the award.

I have asked a number of able Czech organic and bioorganic chemists and also one good friend who is not Czech but spans organic and physical chemistry. The non-Czech is a Nobel Laureate, Professor Roald Hoffmann at Cornell University.

Each of the Czech chemists has said essentially the same, namely that Dr. Havlicek is obviously an able chemist who has published a lot, but he really isn't an organic or bioorganic chemist as it is generally understood here.

Let me not take your time by quoting all the responses but simply cite from two:

- (A) "I have looked up abstracts of all papers from 1993 to 1997 on which Dr. Vladimir Havlicek appeared as the first author (7). All of them have been published in journals focused on mass spectrometry. He seems to be primarily interested in determining structures of various biologically relevant natural products - cyclosporins, monensins, ergot alkaloids, various glycosides - by the means of mass spectrometry. It is arguable whether this would be considered as chemistry in the U.S.A. However, knowing the difficult financial situation back in the Czech Republic, I think he is doing state-of-the-art research in Eastern European conditions. I am not an expert at mass spectrometry but the journals he has published his work in seem to be well recognized because our library subscribes to most of them.



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(A) continued:

"I have also looked up several second author papers of his and he seems to be helping other laboratories all over Europe analyzing intermediates in their syntheses or confirming the structures of their final products. Those papers have been published in very respectable journals - e.g. Tetrahedron.

"Unfortunately, I cannot clearly decide whether he is an organic or bioorganic chemist. I think he is mainly a bioanalytical chemist."

And, (B)

"The name of Dr. Vladimir Havlicek appears on almost 40 publications. They have very little in common, covering wide variety of topics ranging from synthetic organic chemistry to elucidation of natural products to applied enzymology. Not counting the few dealing exclusively with mass spec I believe I did not find a single paper which would not involve a cooperation of Dr. Havlicek, employed in the Microbiological Institute of the Academy, with another research institution. Although I consider cooperation to be a very positive thing I am afraid that Havlicek's part in it was apparently the acquisition of mass spectra for the compounds of interest plus some interpretation. My feeling about this whole thing is that Dr. Havlicek's work should be best described as **analytical chemistry** of organic compounds. In any case, it is a highly borderline case and I am surprised that the committee picked him as the most outstanding young Czech organic chemist."

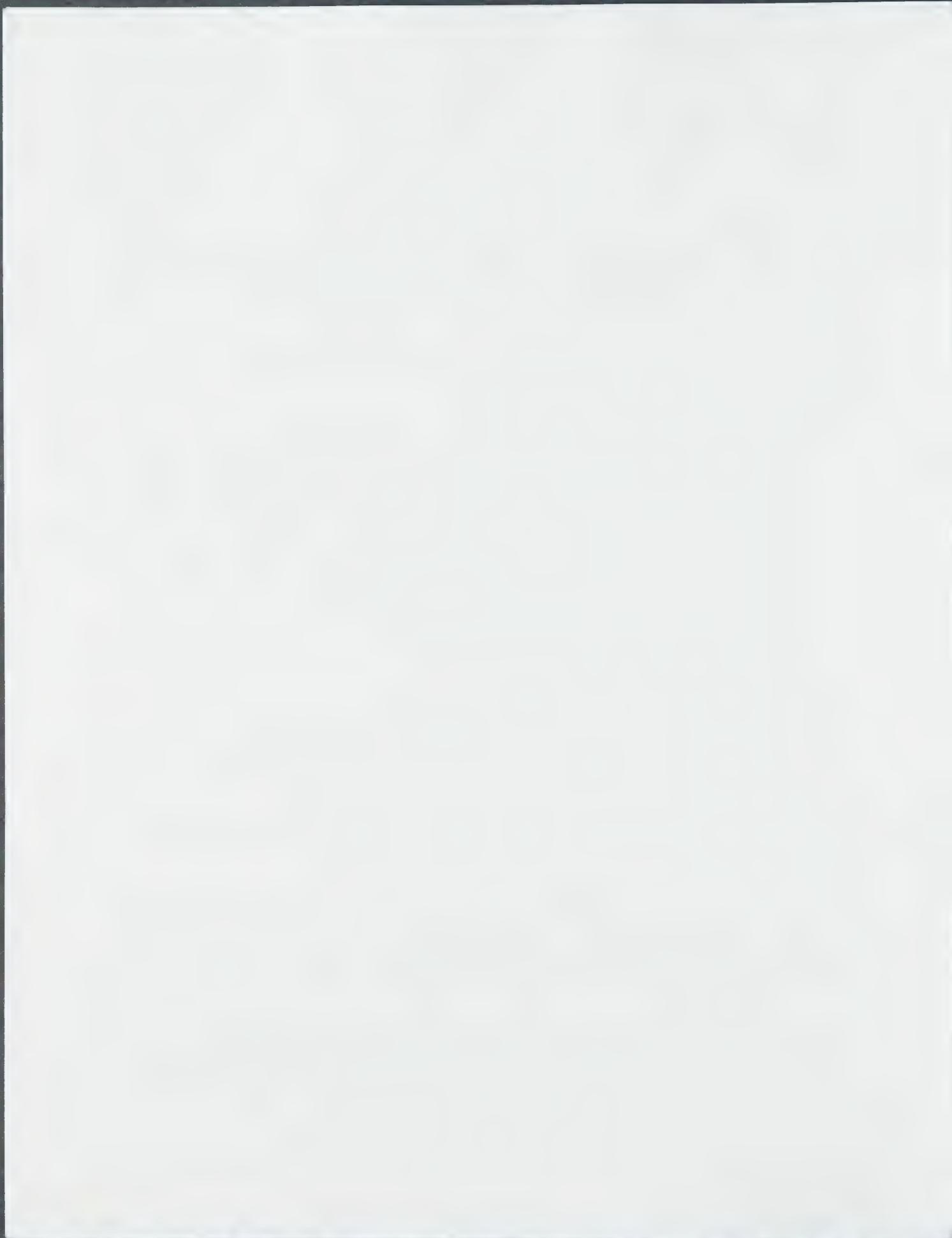
Perhaps the most interesting comment came from the one non-Czech chemist, Roald Hoffmann, who wrote:

(C) "Interestingly the Czechs are more interdisciplinary than other central Europeans - I think of Otto Wichterle or even Heyrovsky. Perhaps the thing to do is to delegate a member of their society who is a bonafide *organiker* to watch over the next proceedings."

I think that if Dr. Havlicek worked in the United States, he would not only deserve - but receive - a major award from the American Chemical Society; it just wouldn't be an award in organic chemistry or bioorganic chemistry.

Please don't think for a moment that I am not interested in analytical chemistry such as mass spectroscopy and NMR. You may not know it, but Professor Herbert Gutowsky and I were the first ever to use NMR to prove the structure of an organic compound, namely diketene - see JACS 78 2385 (1956). Of the authors of that paper, Professor Gutowsky is the father of NMR and I am surprised that he has not won the Nobel Prize. But I certainly wouldn't call him an organic chemist.

It was clear from Dr. Drasar's fax to Hannah Evans that he was hurt by my questioning the decision of the committee, and I am sorry that that was so. I am glad to see from your fax that the vote was not unanimous, but rather 5-3, and I hope that we will have a chance to discuss what an organic or bioorganic chemist is in the donor's view, and all such questions will be avoided in the future.



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When I checked on the first recipient of the award, I was delighted to learn that you had picked such a brilliant organic chemist, and I said to myself - it turns out correctly - that you would have a hard time finding many such truly able chemists in the Czech Republic.

Dr. Drasar was mistaken when he wrote to Hannah Evans that "It is a great pity that this time no one from your office attended the board meeting." I don't think that anyone in the Foundation office can be expected to know the difference between this or that kind of chemist, and once we understand each other, surely there should be no need to involve the Foundation in approving your choice.

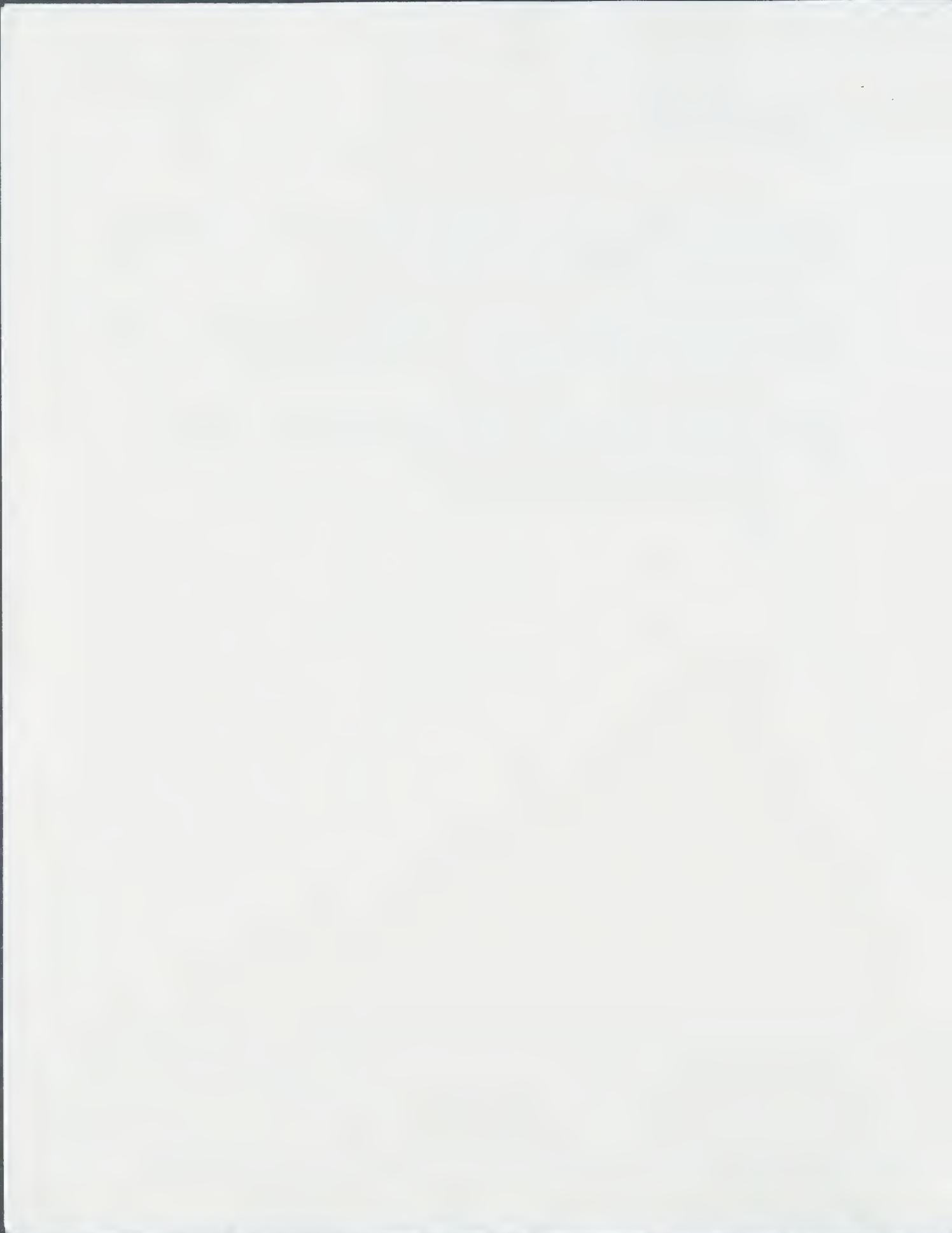
Please do share this letter with Dr. Drasar, if you wish, and I will be happy to talk to him also. He has always impressed us as a man who gets things done most efficiently, and I very much hope that both you and he will understand us and take my advice in the spirit in which it is given.

Isabel and I much look forward to seeing you and remain, with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

bc: Hannah Evans





FAX FROM

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January 16, 1997

TO: Professor Oldrich Paleta  
Department of Organic Chemistry  
FAX: 422-2431-1082

Dear Professor Paleta:

A long trip to England has delayed my studying your fax of October 4th, advising me that Dr. Vladimír Havlíček has won the third Bader Award.

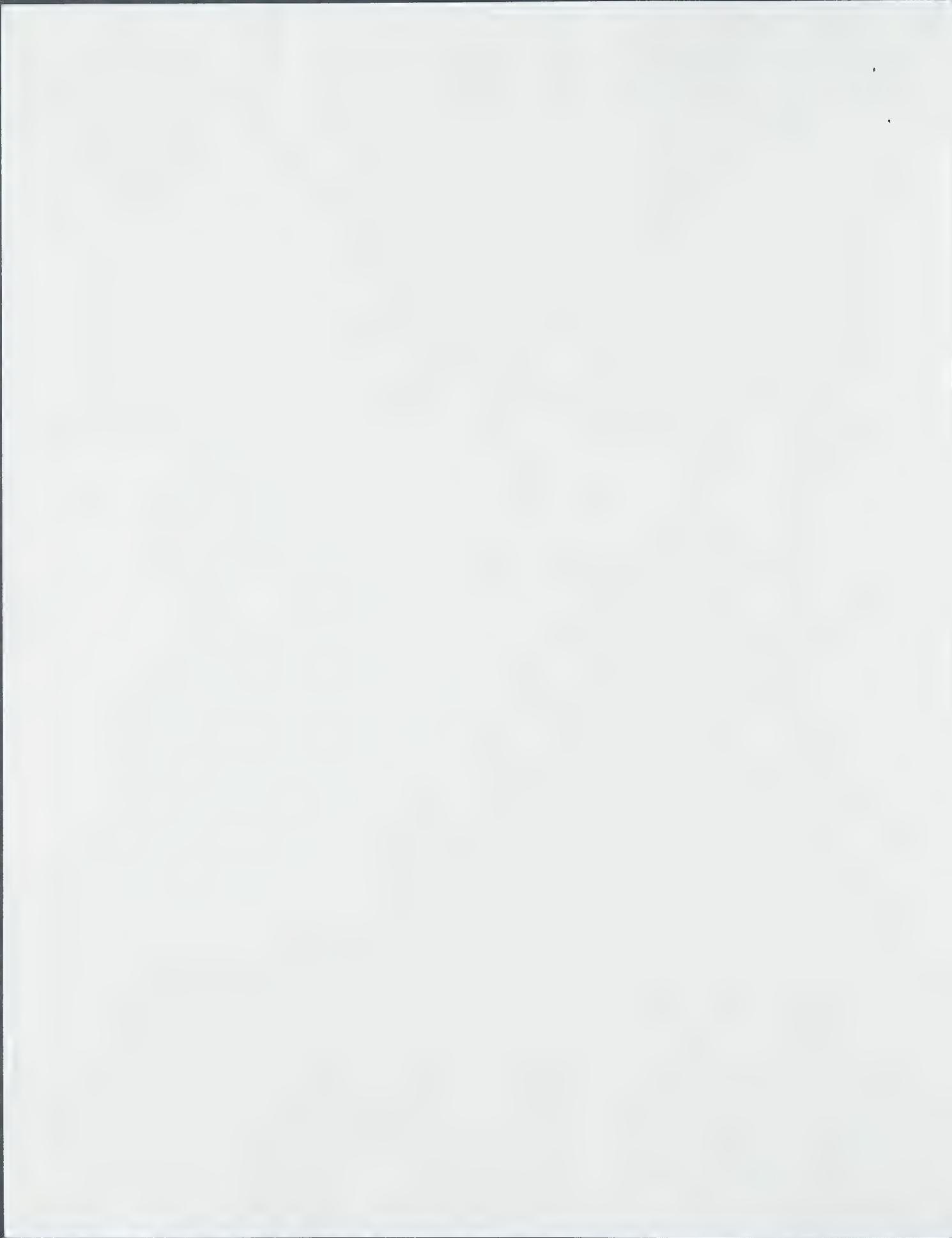
I have now had a chance to study Dr. Havlíček's papers in abstract form, and it is clear to me that he is a very able man and surely one of the best chemists in the Czech Republic.

But how could your committee consider him an organic or biochemist? He is surely a fine microbiologist using mass spectrometry for the elucidation of peptides. But is that really organic chemistry or biochemistry?

Needless to say, I am not suggesting for a moment that you take the award from him, but that at your next meetings, you pick only chemists who clearly are organic or biochemists.

In this connection, please refer to my letter to you of January 18, 1994 stating that "*My wish is that the award be given annually to the best Czech organic chemists 35 years of age or younger.*" Please also look at your fax to me of October 6, 1993 which states "*the award will be for organic and bioorganic chemists*".

My wife and I are about to leave for New York City, and we plan to meet with Mrs. Wendy Luers, the president of the Foundation for a Civil Society, on Wednesday morning, January 29th. At that point, we plan to give the Foundation the equivalent of 330,000kc for payment on the next three years' awards.

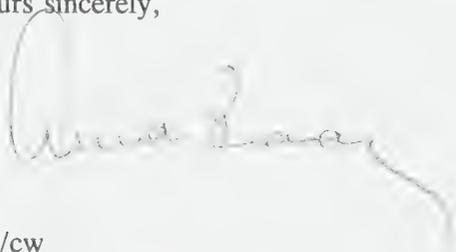


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January 16, 1997  
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Before then, may I have your agreement that the next awards will be given to organic chemists or biochemists?

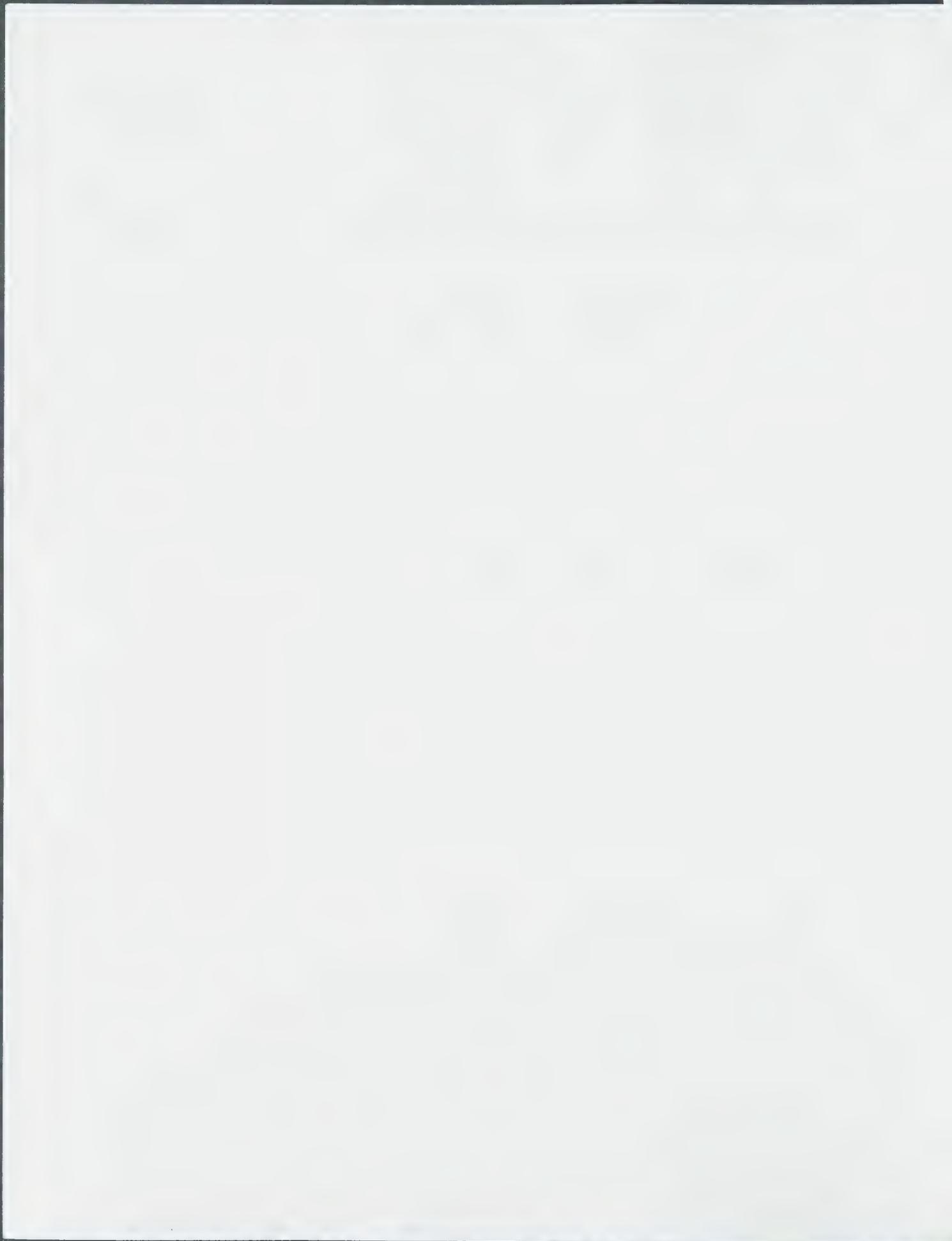
With many thanks for your help and best personal regards from Isabel and me, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Paleta". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Yours sincerely," text.

AB/cw

c: Ms. Hannah Evans (via fax: 422-2451-0875)  
Mrs. Wendy Luers (via fax: 212/332-2898)





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

February 21, 1997

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Dear Professor Paleta:

Thank you for your and Dr. Drasar's letters about the question whether Dr. Vladimir Havlicek is an organic chemist.

I am just querying a number of competent chemists and I look forward to discussing the whole matter with you when I see you in Prague during our next visit - the second half of June.

Of course I have given the Foundation for Civil Society the dollar equivalent 330,000 Czech crowns to cover the awards for the next three years.

Right now I am just writing to you hurriedly to point to a Letter to the Editor of this week's *C&E News*, copy enclosed. You may not get *C&E News* for a few weeks, but of course you will be asked the very important question: Whether Dr. Landa's samples, stored in your Institute, contain fullerenes.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Hannah Ewins



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Oct. 6, 1993

Dear Dr. Bader:

I am surprised that the incon...

Thank you much for your faxed letter from Sept. 17 which put in action several people.

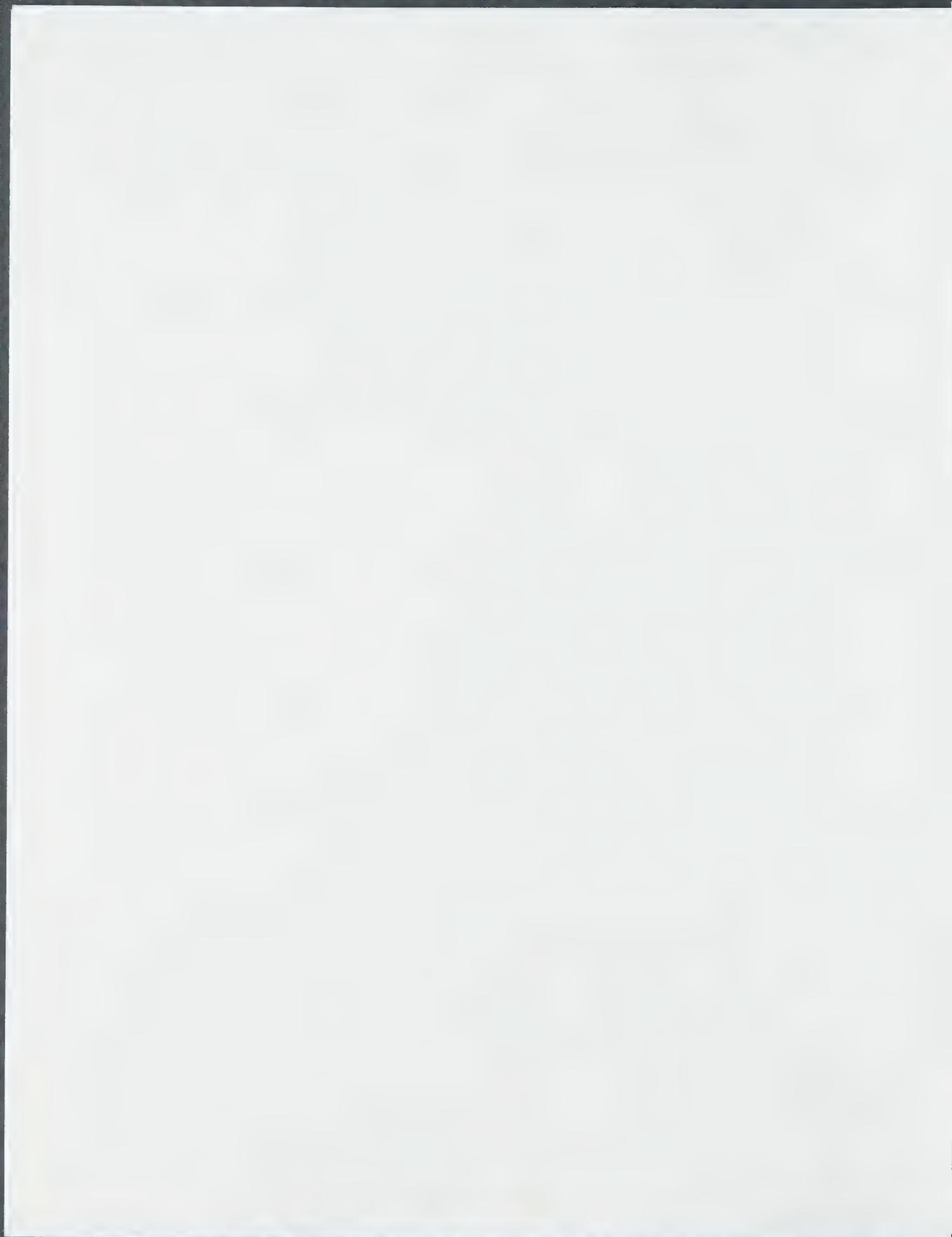
The people involved in realization the "Alfred Bader Award" have tried to secure the basic capital (i.e. your gift) against another use than only for the Award. The reason has been the Czech Chemical Society is joined to the Academy of Sciences and it is financed through the Academy. The capital would be 100% safe only as a basis of a foundation. This has been a real reason for creating a foundation which must include a set of rules.

However, we shall arrange the Award after your wish, i.e. the capital for the Award will be deposited and disposable at a special account of the Chemical Society. The rules how to dispose with this account will be formulated and confirmed by the Committee.

ad I: the Award will be for organic and bioorganic chemists

ad IV: there are no government bonds in Czech Rep. and will not appear in the next year. The only convenient possibility is a long-term deposit account for about 14% interest (which is taxed by 25%); the longest term is 5 years, no bank in CR accept a deposit for longer term; the interests are changing and could be in the future much lower than they are this year - we shall try to obtain the highest stable long-term interest.

ad V: and...





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

October 11, 1996

Professor Oldrich Paleta  
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Dear Professor Paleta:

I am happy to note from your fax of October 4th that the third winner of the Bader Prize has now been chosen. Of course, I will turn over to the Foundation for a Civil Society the funds required for the next three awards.

Ms. Hannah Evans has kindly sent me a copy of her letter to you of September 20th regarding clear communication to award winners. Perhaps the best solution to this problem would be to give award winners the choice of either receiving 100,000kc which are taxable or 80,000kc which are not taxable.

Last year, I received the Parsons Award from the American Chemical Society which includes a check for \$3,000 on which I had to pay tax. Czech chemists are fortunate that they have the alternative, as the tax I had to pay was greater than 20%. It is just a matter of clear language in the award.

I don't think that changing the award to a grant is desirable, because the award winner should be free to use the money as he likes. If he wants to take his family to the Riviera, so be it.

Much more important to Isabel and me is the question we discussed in Prague in June. You convinced us that our original plan is just not feasible, simply because professorial salaries in the Czech Republic are so low. The problem is highlighted by the future of the Bader Fellows at American and English universities.

You know that the last thing we wanted to do was to cause a brain drain of the best young Czech chemists to Britain or America.

Professor Oldrich Paleta

October 11, 1996

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The first Czech graduate from London, Dr. Nic, has returned to Prague and that made us very happy.

The first graduate from Columbia, Dr. Miroslav Rezac, has accepted a post-doctoral position with Professor Bartlett at Berkeley, and I enclose a copy of the letter which I sent to him.

The first Bader Fellow at Harvard, Milan Chytil, is brilliant, as explained by Professor Gregory Verdine, whose description I enclose.

The key question, for which I need your help to answer, is how to get chemists of the ability of Rezac and Chytil back to the Czech Republic.

Would it be possible to meet with you and Professor Zahradnik and Hannah Evans in Prague next June to discuss what we could do to help?

With best personal regards from Isabel and me, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosures

c: Ms. Hannah Evans  
Professor Dr. Rudolf Zahradnik

FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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October 7, 1993

TO: Professor Oldrich Paleta  
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Dear Professor Paleta:

Thank you for your informative fax of yesterday.

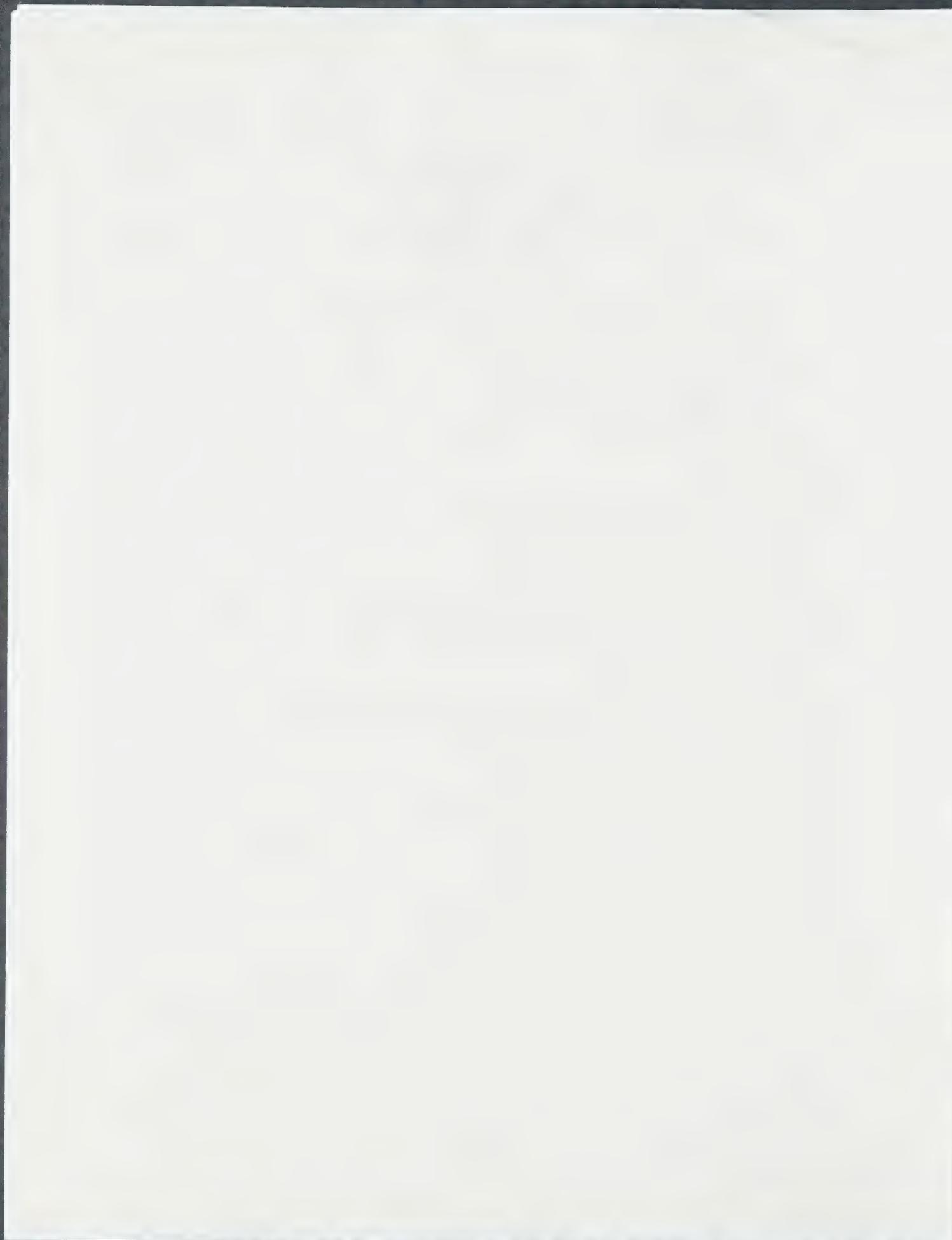
I am surprised that the income earned on the gift will be taxed at 25%.

During our visit to Prague, we met Professor Rudolf Zahradnik, the President of the Czech Academy of Sciences. I am certain that he was sincere when he told us that we could ask for his help and advice whenever needed. I will now ask him whether the Academy does not have a way of receiving income tax-free.

This is particularly important to us because we are considering giving the capital for a chair in chemistry, and the 25% tax would be a much larger sum than the tax on the income for the award in chemistry.

We look forward to being able to finalize on this award.

All good wishes and best regards,





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

February 15, 1996

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Dear Professor Paleta:

Isabel and I much look forward to being in the Czech Republic during the week of June 3rd.

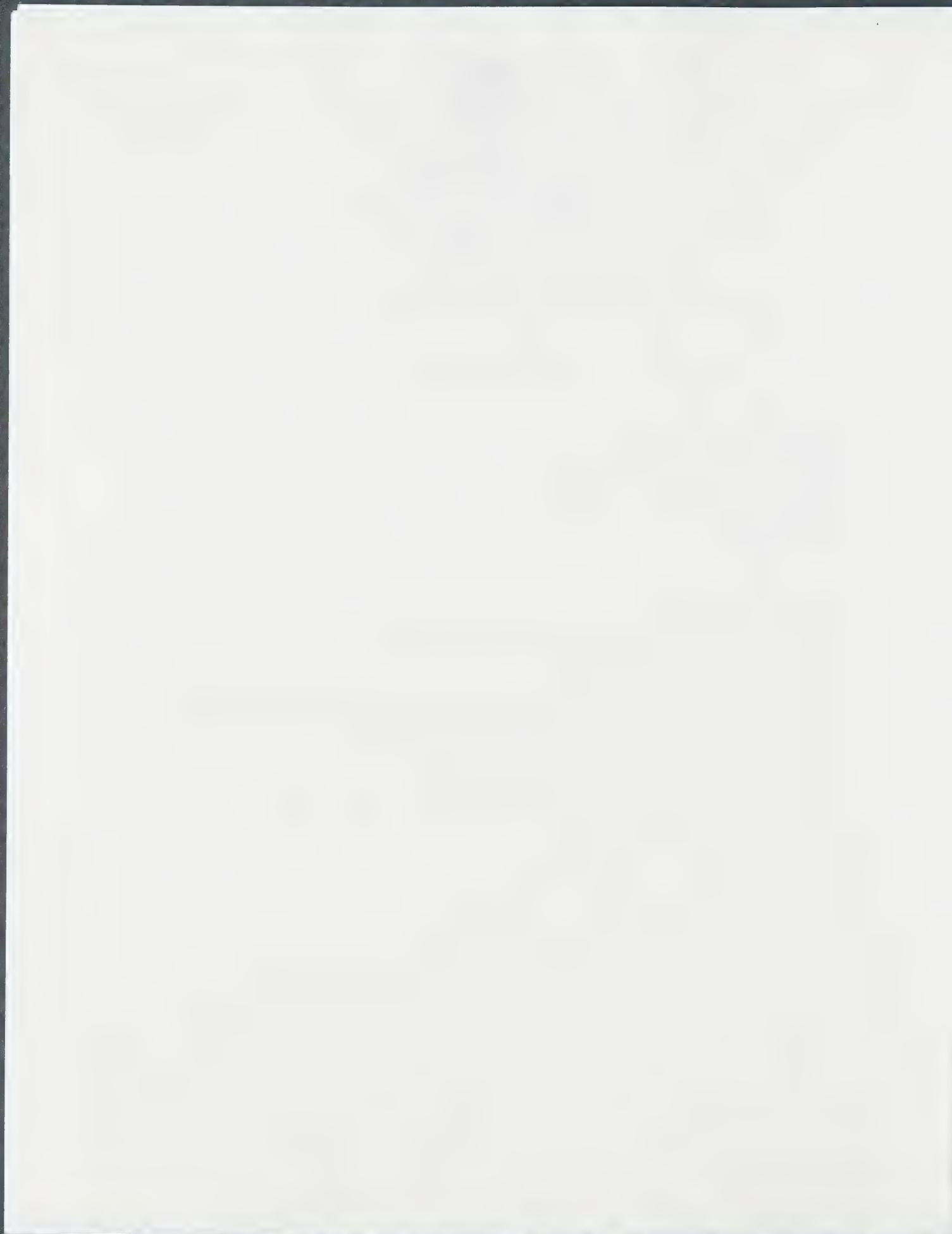
We plan to spend three or four days in Prague and two days each in Pardubice and Brno. We have asked our very good friend, In. Vladimír Matouš, in Pardubice to coordinate our trip.

Perhaps there might be some interest in some of my lectures, and a menu of these is enclosed.

We much look forward to seeing you and remain, with best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw



Dr. Alfred Bader  
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December 30, 1993

Professor Oldrich Paleta  
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Dear Professor Paleta:

Thank you for your registered letter of December 15 sent to my English home, from which I have just returned.

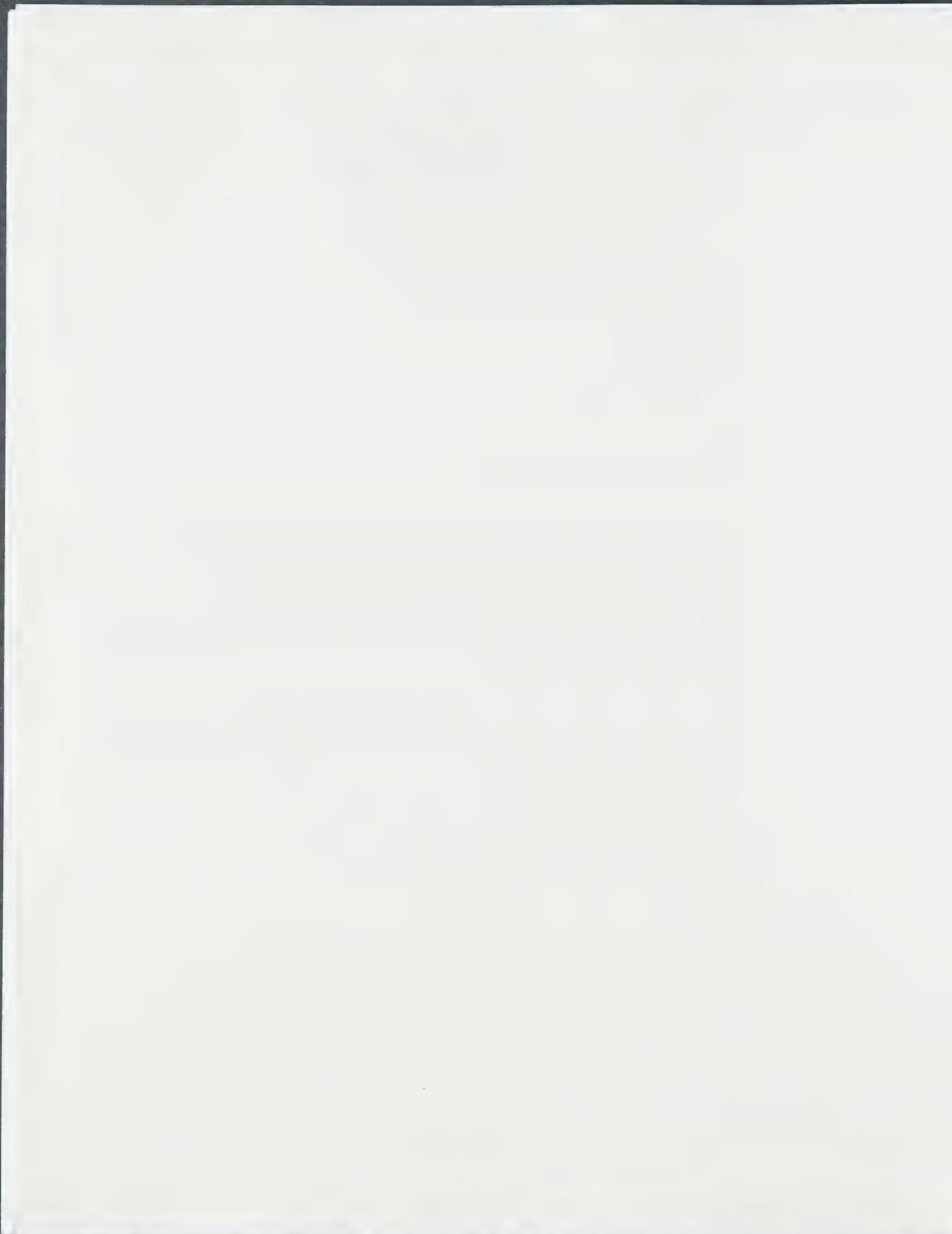
As you know, we very much want to set up the award of 100,000 crowns, but we find that the capital required, \$60,000, is considerably more than the capital which was required in other countries, for instance, for the Bader Awards in Britain and Canada. Also, I have just received a fax from Professor Rudolf Zahradnik that there is still the problem of tax-free income for the Czech Chemical Society, as the law making income tax-free to you has still not passed Parliament. Hence, Professor Zahradnik suggested that we should begin by simply sending you a check for 100,000 crowns to be given the first year.

Isabel and I look forward to taking counsel with The Foundation for a Civil Society (formerly Charter 77 Foundation) in New York in two weeks. We will then decide with them exactly how to proceed, but you have my assurance that you will have the funds to give the award in 1994.

I will write to you again in detail before the end of January.

Many thanks for your help, and best personal regards.

Sincerely,





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

January 21, 1997

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Dear Professor Herman:

I am sorry that a very long trip to Britain, from which we have only just returned, has delayed my thanking you for your letter of November 19th and those lovely photographs which reminded us of our lovely visit with you.

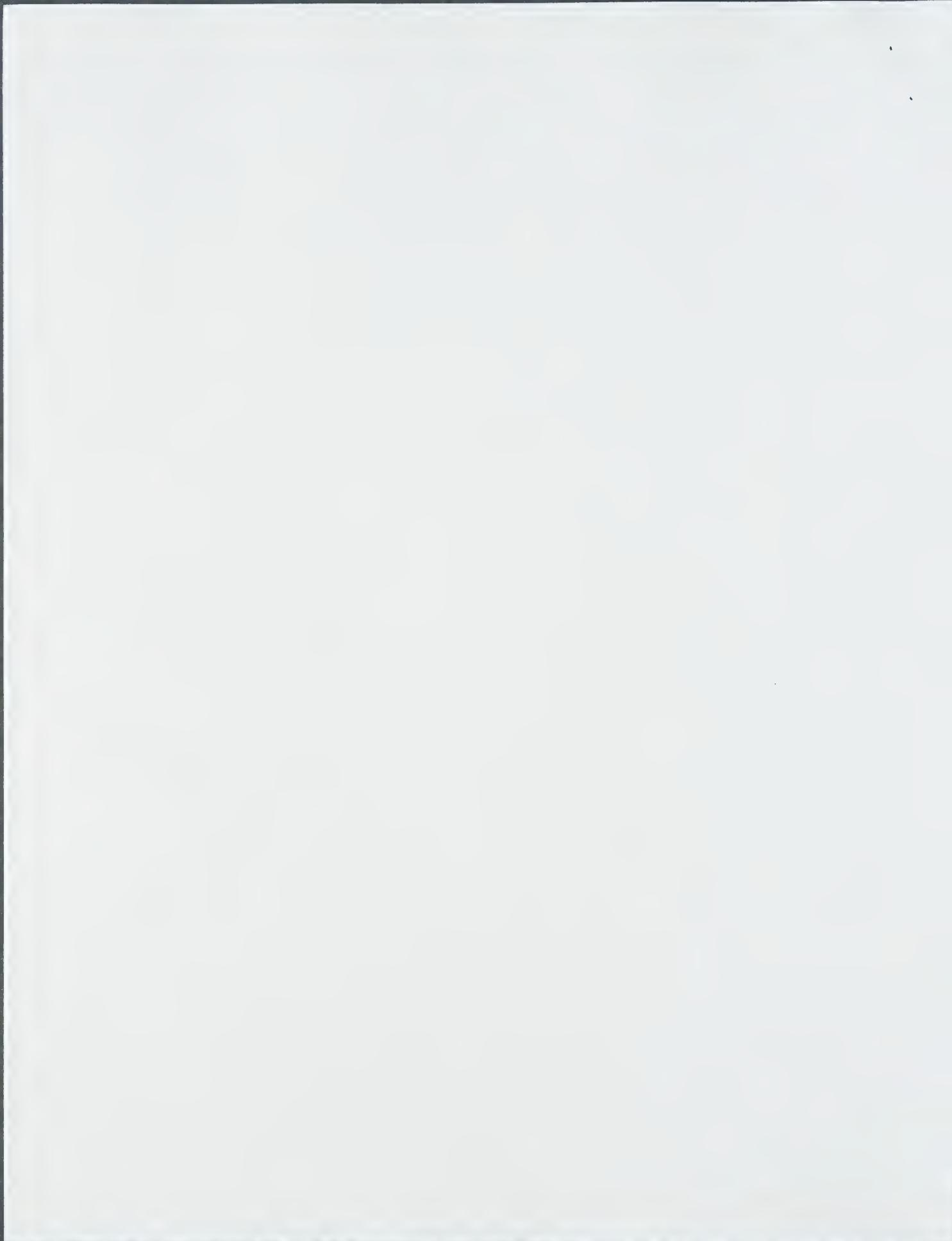
Isabel and I look forward to being in Prague again next June, and it would give us great pleasure if we could meet again then.

In the meantime, I hope that you are not going to too much trouble with the plaster cast of my head. Do remember the old saying: You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

With all good wishes for 1997, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw





Dr. A. Bader  
924 East Juneau, Suite 622  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Prague, November 19, 1996

Dear Dr. Bader:

Enclosed please find several pictures from your visit in the J. Heyrovsky Institute in June. The pictures were taken by my colleague, Dr. Dolejsek, but it was due to my extensive travelling this Summer and Fall that only recently I could have them enlarged. Please, excuse the delay. Let me just mention, for the sake of completeness, that the gentleman with us on the first picture of the set is the present Director of the Institute, Dr. Vladimir Marecek (the picture was taken in his office).

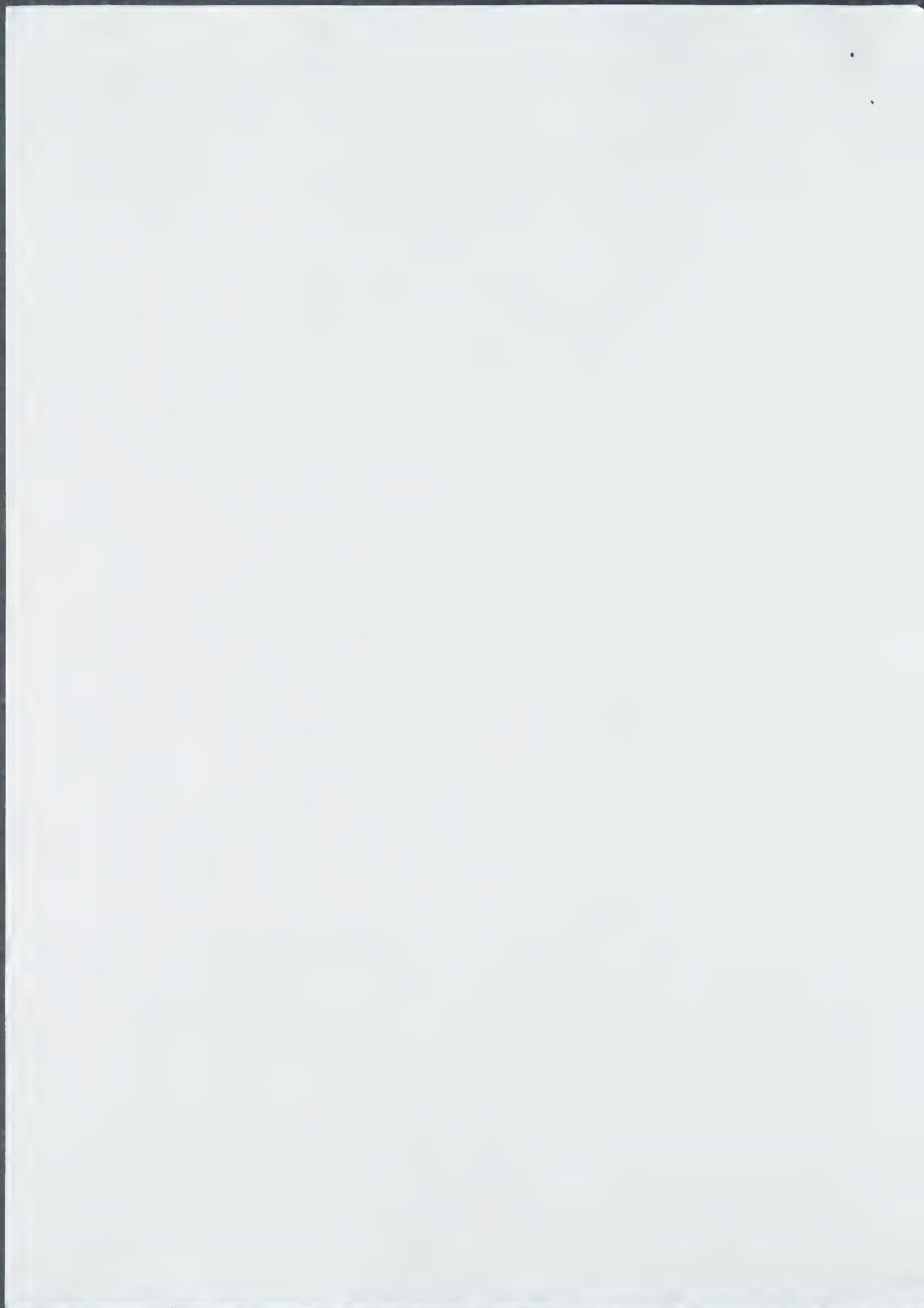
I hope the pictures will complete your records of the visit in the Czech Republic this year. Allow me to express again our thanks for the excellent lecture you were so kind to deliver in the Institute. Many times since that I heard from my colleagues words of appreciation of your interesting talk.

I am enclosing a quick snapshot of a early sketch of your head - for your information. I apologize for the poor quality of the picture. However, it will take 2-4 (second in making right now) versions of your head for you to select. Again, due to my travel obligations this year I did not have enough time to work on it, but the coming Spring should be better and I hope I will have enough done before you visit again, I assume, in 1997.

With all the best wishes to you and to your wife,

sincerely yours,

Zdenek Herman





Dr. A. Bader  
924 East Juneau, Suite 622  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Prague, May 23, 1996

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 29. I apologize for this delayed answer due to my absence in the institute: your letter reached me only today. I hope my answer still reaches you in Milwaukee. If not, however, I have been in touch with your friend in Pardubice, Dr. Matouš, and he will have all the information concerning your visit in the institute on June 5; also, I am sending him a copy of this letter.

We are eagerly expecting your visit and the seminar in our institute of Wednesday, June 5. I agree with your suggestion and we are announcing as the subject of your seminar

"Richard Anschuetz, Archibald Scott Couper and Josef Loschmidt:  
A Detective at work".

The seminar is scheduled to 2:30 p.m. in the Brdička's lecture hall of the institute. An institute car will pick you and your wife up in your place in Prague between 1:00 and 1:15 p.m. ( I know the address of U bílého koníčka in Husova Street from Dr. Matouš). We will announce the seminar in the neighboring institutes here. I took the liberty of adding to the announcement a short summary on your personality.

I would appreciate it very much, if my wife and myself could invite you and your wife to an informal dinner in a small restaurant in Prague on that evening. We will take care that light food is served and it will be only a very unofficial affair.

I am faxing you this letter in addition to mailing it.

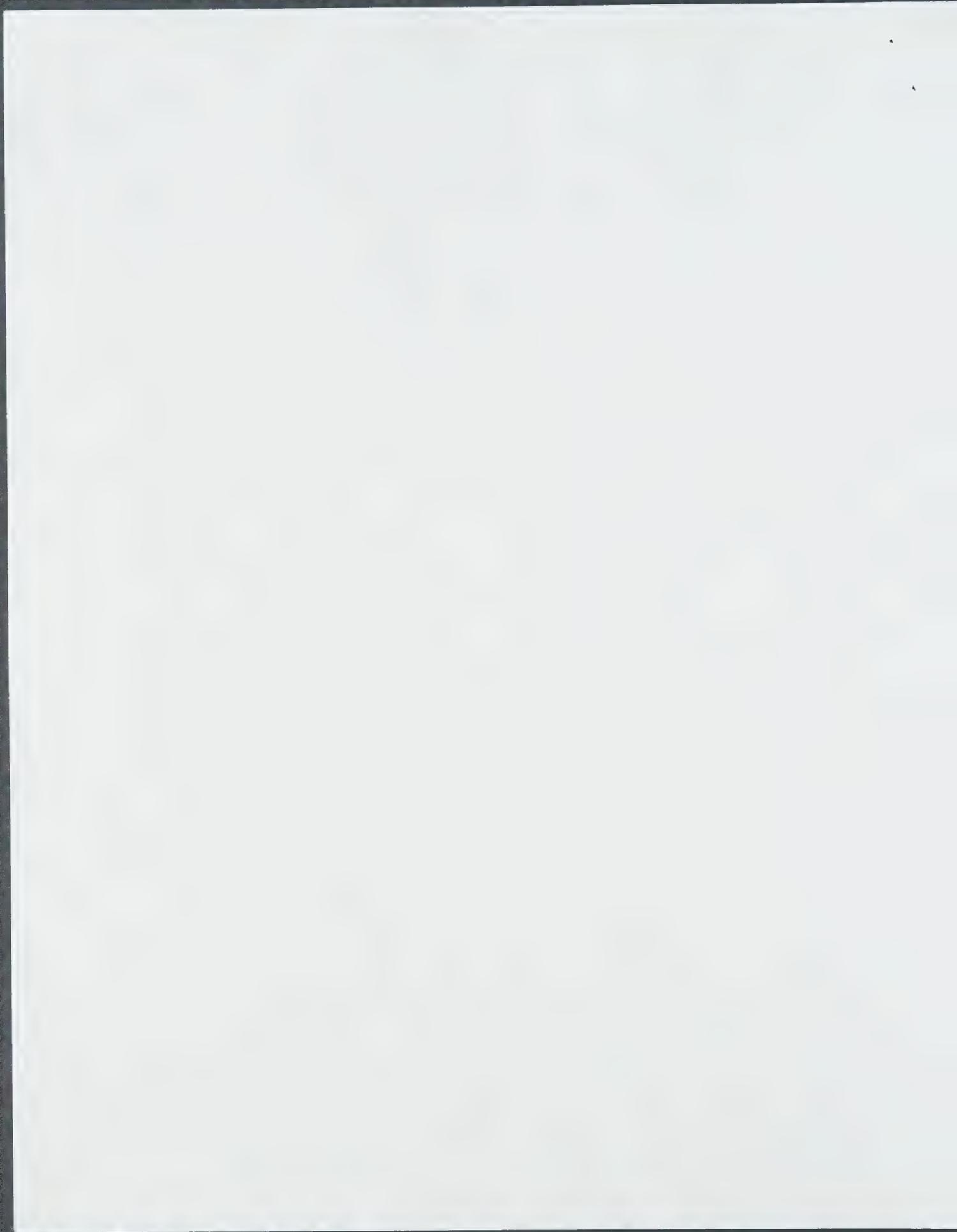
With very best regards to you and to your wife, looking forward to meeting you in Prague,

sincerely yours,



Zdenek Herman

P.S.: As I mentioned earlier, unfortunately, I will be in Germany prior to your visit ( May 29-June 4), arriving to Prague only in the evening of Tuesday, June 4. In my absence, my colleague, Dr. Zdenek Dolejšek (same address and fax, tel. in the institute 6605-3485 ) could be contacted to transmit all messages, changes etc. to me.





Dr. Alfred Bader  
924 East Juneau, Suite 622  
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Prague, 2 April, 1996

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of March 8. I apologize for writing with a delay due to my absence in the laboratory in the past days.

I appreciate very much your willingness to give a talk in the institute on Wednesday, 5 June. Thank you also for the program of your visit in the Czech Republic. Concerning the subject of your talk, my colleagues here feel that the talk on Josef Loschmidt would be most welcome, despite the fact that you gave it earlier in Prague for the Chemical Society. We will schedule the talk for Wednesday, 5 June, 14:30 p.m. in the Brdička Lecture Hall, J. Heyrovsky Institute of Physical Chemistry, Dolejškova 3, Praha 8-Kobylisy.

I will be away in Germany in the week before you come, but I will return to Prague on the evening of Tuesday, 4 June, for a day and your visit. Before I leave, I will arrange for the announcement etc. I assume that your friend Ing. Vladimír Matouš will know of your whereabouts and I will contact him in May to learn how to get in touch with you in Prague.

Thank you very much for the copy of the fine review of your book written by Dudley Herschbach. I appreciate it very much.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Prague in June and to your lecture here. I would like to use the opportunity to make a series of photographs of you as the background material to sculpt your head during the Summer.

With very best regards to you and to your wife,

sincerely yours,



Zdenek Herman





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

February 15, 1996

Dr. Zdenek Herman  
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Czech Republic

Dear Professor Herman:

Isabel and I much look forward to being in the Czech Republic during the week of June 3rd. We plan to spend to spend three or four days in Prague and two days each in Pardubice and Brno. We have asked our good friend, Ing. Vladimir Matous, to coordinate our trip.

I have written to Professor Paleta giving him a menu of my talks, with the thought that one or two of these might be welcome in Prague. For your information, a copy of that menu is enclosed.

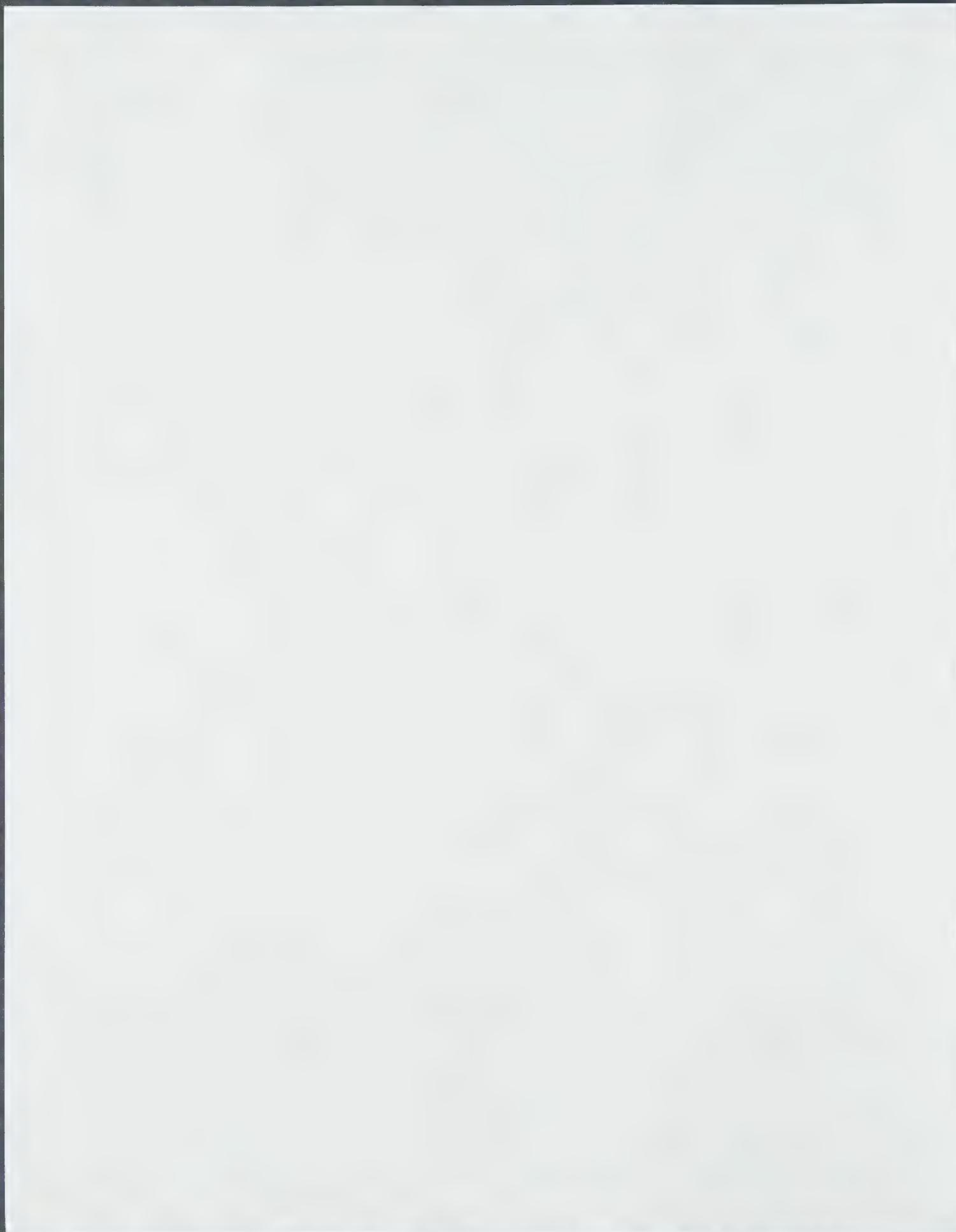
Needless to say, we much look forward to seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosure





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

March 8, 1996

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Physical Chemistry  
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182 23 Prague 8  
Czech Republic

Dear Professor Herman:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 24th and the interesting enclosures. I just wish I spoke Czech!

I would be happy to give a talk at the J. Heyrovsky Institute on Wednesday, June 5th. Keep in mind, however, that I have spoken in Prague on Loschmidt twice before and would rather give a talk on the work of Richard Anschütz, the detective who discovered both Couper and Loschmidt. This is Talk #3 on the enclosed menu. For that talk, I need an overhead projector.

Clearly, we have many mutual friends: Note the fine review of my book written by Professor Dudley Herschbach.

Of course, I will not mind if you will sculpt my head, and when I see you, I will ask you what it would cost for me to consider buying two bronze casts for my sons.

Our travels will take us first to Brno, where I will speak on June 3rd. Then we will drive via Kyjov to Prague, where we will be from the evening of the 4th or the morning of the 5th probably until the 8th. Then we will enjoy two or three days in Pardubice with our old friend, Ing. Vladimir Matous, and by Tuesday morning, June 11th, we must be in Vienna, as I will give a lecture on Couper and Loschmidt there that afternoon.

With all good wishes, I remain,

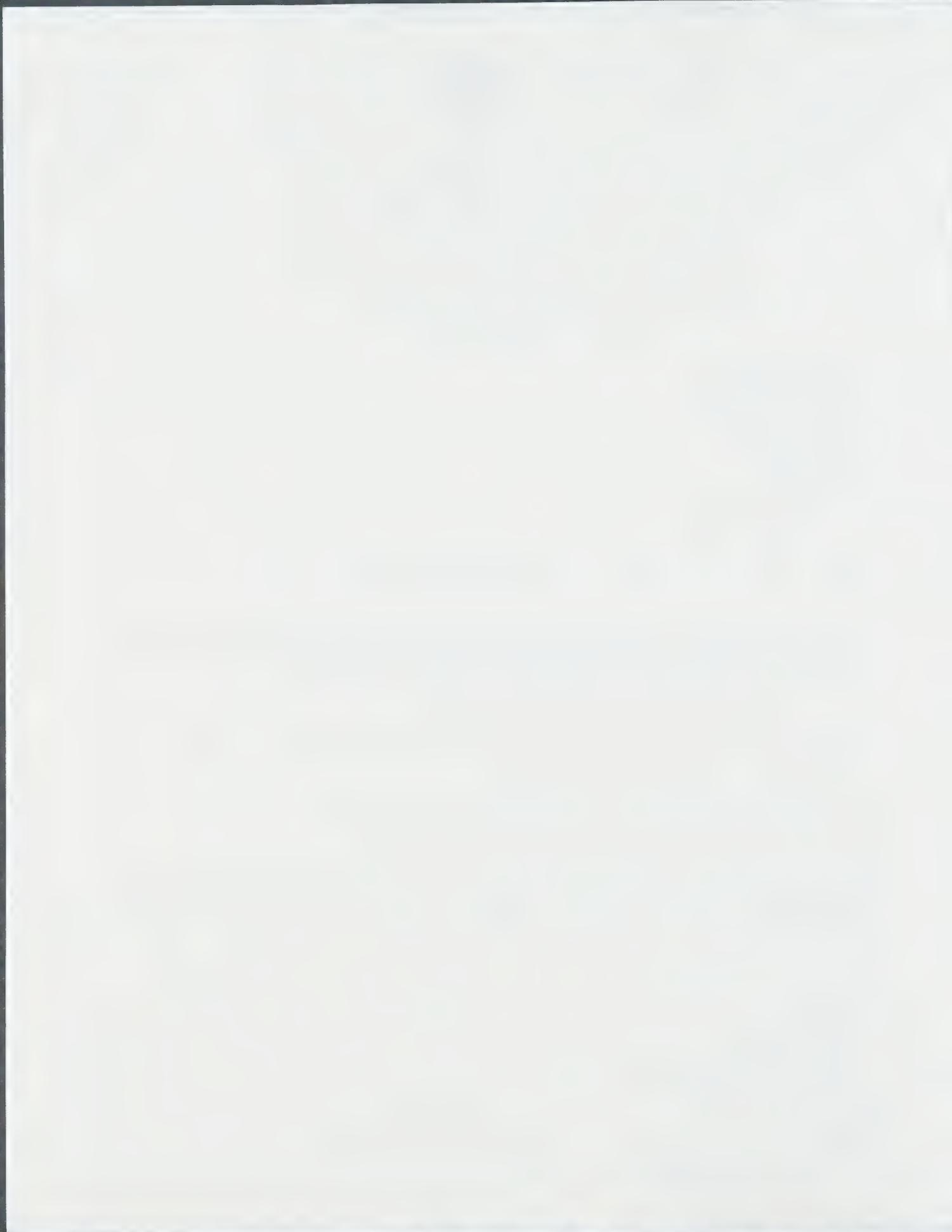
Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosure

cc: Vladimir Matous (w/encl.)

cc: Hannah Evans



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Prague, February 24, 1996

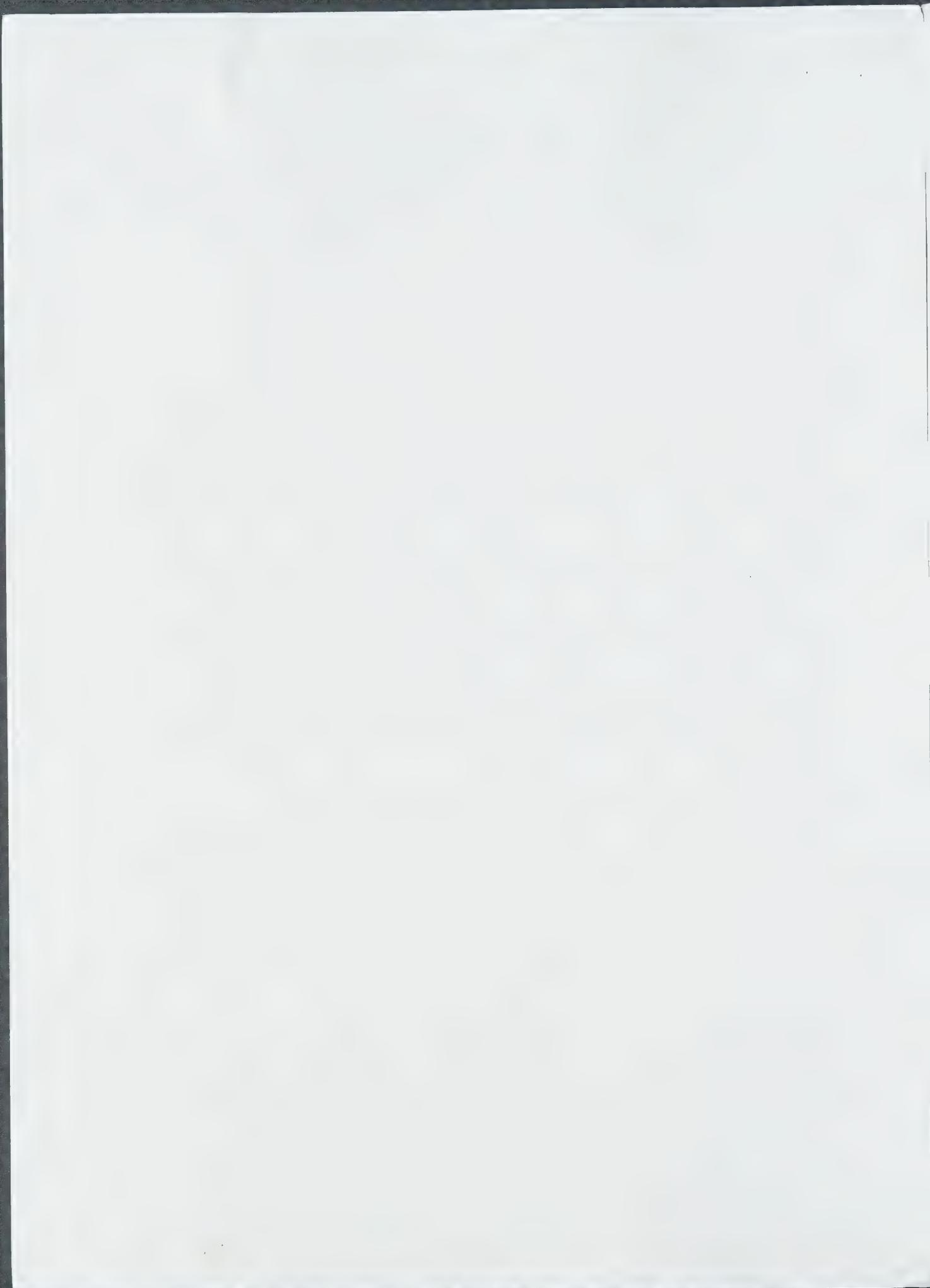
Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 15 and for your earlier letter, too. I apologize for being so slow in answering it. The publication of the enclosed issue of VESMIR has been imminent for some time and I very much wanted to enclose the issue into my letter.

I hope that you will enjoy your article on Chemophobia on p. 103 of the enclosed issue of VESMIR, 1996, No.2. I would like to express the thanks of the Editorial Board for making the text available, and personally I would like to thank you for the permission to translate it for VESMIR. I have used your text fully, nothing has been left out, the editor only changed the title to "Chemophobia, Progress,..." I added a short introduction to it (p.104, framed text) which, besides other, repeats some information on you and quotes the origin of the text ( your speech at the occasion of the Parson Award). It is a special privilege of VESMIR that this is the first time the text was published.

I am very pleased to hear that you will be in Prague in June and thank you for the details of your schedule. I would like to extend to you an invitation of our institute, The J. Heyrovsky Institute, to address a seminar with your talk on Josef Loschmidt. The seminar could take place either on Tuesday, June 4, or Wednesday, June 5, in the institute. The director will send you a formal invitation as soon as we hear from you that you could include the talk into your schedule. Unfortunately, I will be in Goettingen for 2 months starting May 28, but I will do my best to return to Prague for a day to meet you.

Following your wish, I am enclosing a signed picture of you, your wife, Mrs. Suing, and myself, made after the press conference last year in Prague; I appreciate your interest in it. Also, it has been a great pleasure for me that last November the Journal of Physical Chemistry published a Festschrift to my 60th birthday with contributions of many friends and colleagues. The Guest Editors were Herschbach,



Michael Henchman and Bretislav Friedrich ( my former graduate student, now at Harvard with Dudley Herschbach). I am enclosing a copy of the introductory part with some biographical notes. The reason is that I learned so much about your admirable personality from your book, and this may serve perhaps as a modest introduction of myself to you.

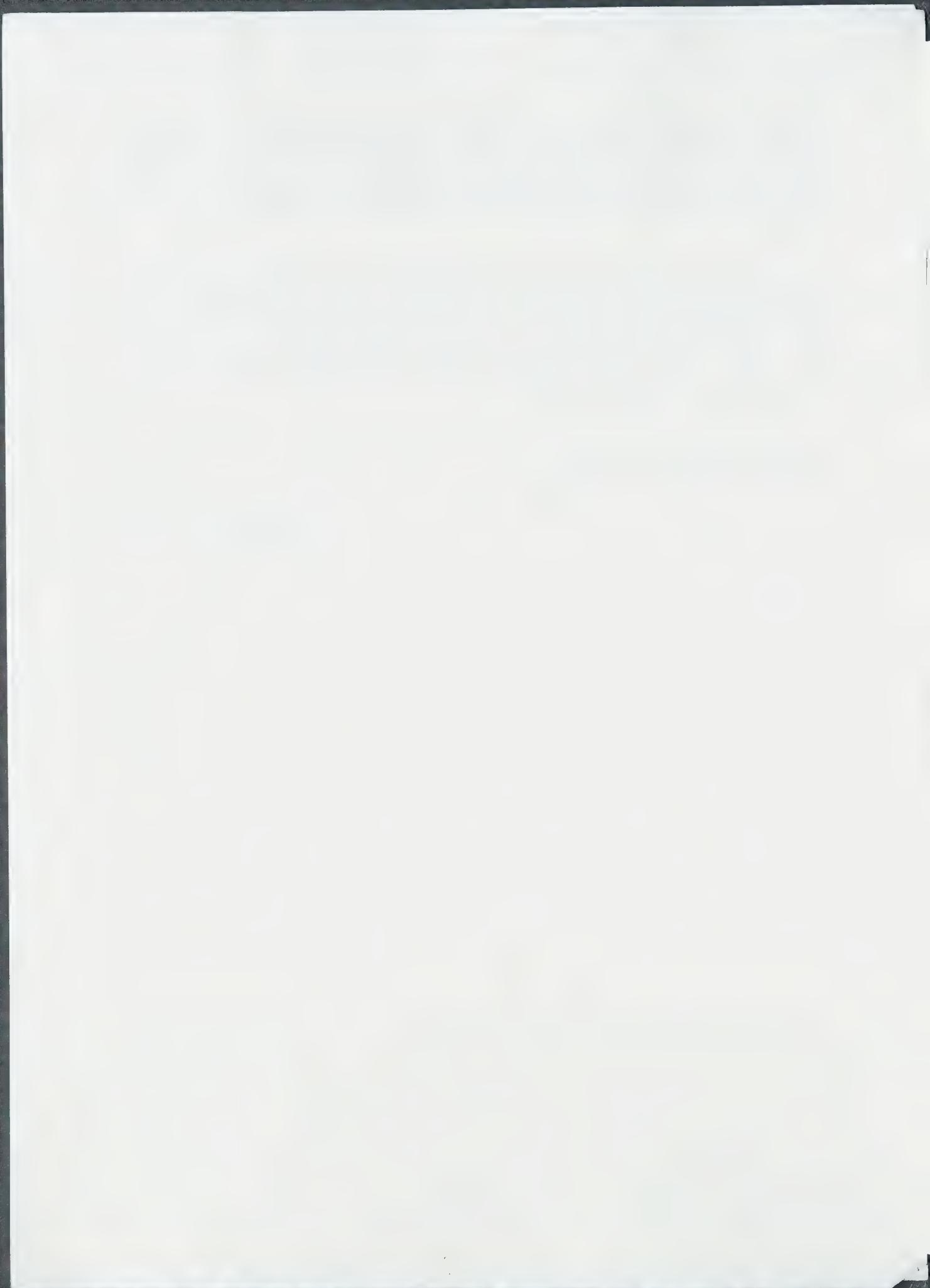
I have read with great pleasure your biography which you so kindly sent me, and a review of it should appear before long. I have tried to initiate some other actions, but this we should probably discuss during your visit here in June. Also, I do appreciate very much that you allow me to take a series of photographs of you and then sculpt your head. I hope to get the pictures while you are in Prague and then do the sculpture later on during the Summer.

I am very much looking forward to your visit in Prague in June. With very best regards to you and to your wife,

sincerely yours,

  
Zdenek Herman

Fuel -





## ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

June 6, 1995

ESTABLISHED 1961

*Via Facsimile: 42-05-42-128238  
and 42-05-41211214*

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Dr. Ladislav Skursky  
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Dear Dr. Skursky:

Thank you so much for your fax of yesterday. Isabel and I are leaving Milwaukee on Wednesday, so your fax reached us in good time.

To reply to your points one by one:

If you really prefer our staying at the International Hotel, so be it. When you will get to know us better, you will discover that Isabel and I always try to save money, particularly for our hosts. And we were very happy staying in a university guest residence in Olmuts, which probably is similar to the one you have in Brno.

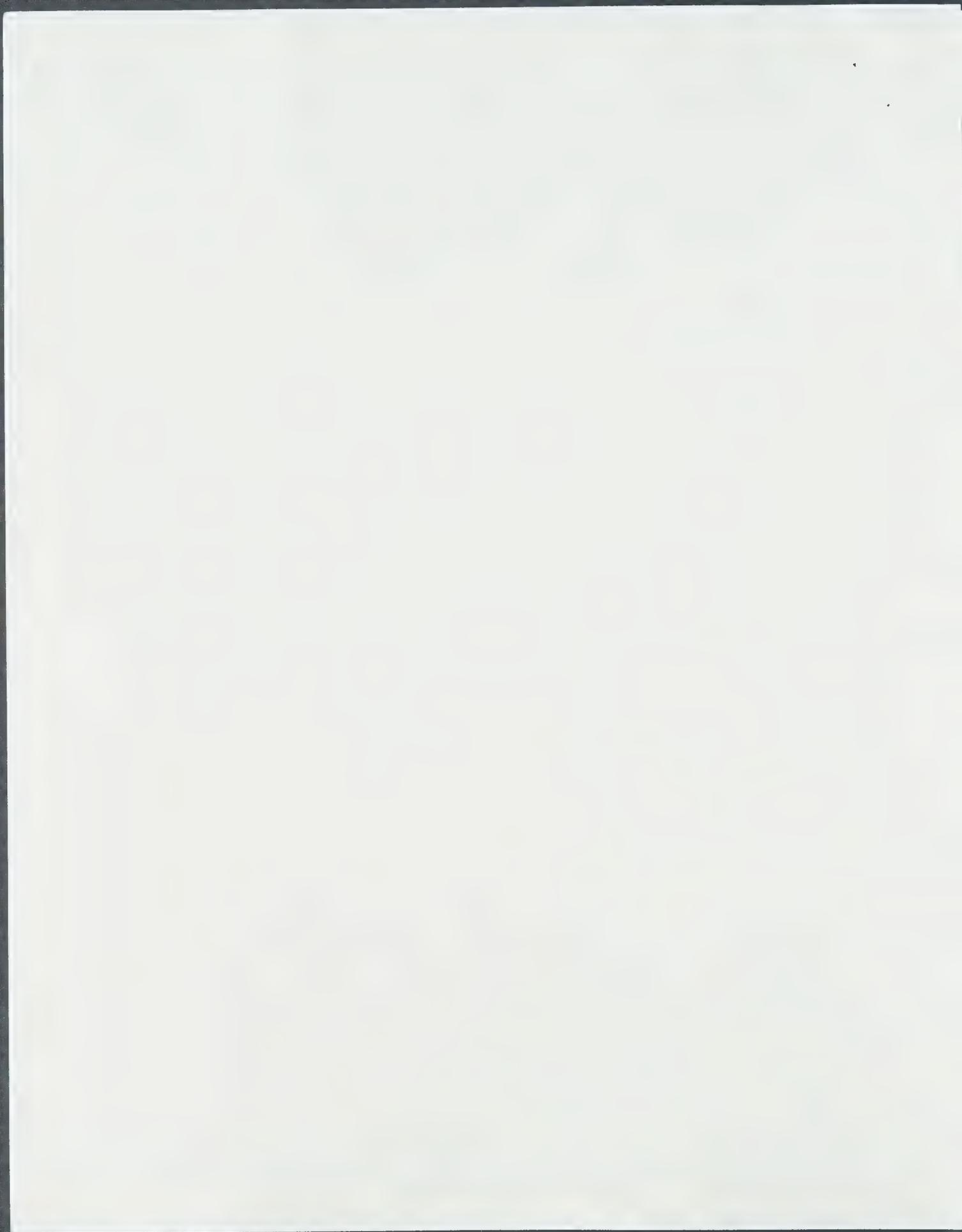
It would be very nice indeed if Isabel and I could attend the Strauss operetta on Thursday evening.

As things stand now, I look forward to giving the talk *The Bible Through Dutch Eyes* on Wednesday evening. That talk could also be subtitled *Rembrandt and the Jews*, and hence, I would like to suggest that you mention to the Jewish community that this would surely be of interest to them. Also, as you know, we very much hope to have a chance to meet my one remaining relative in Moravia, Vera Bader Weber, who lives in Kyjov. Unfortunately, our trip through the Czech Republic has to be so short this year, because of the Loschmidt Symposium, that we will not have a chance to come to Kyjov but hope that Vera can come to Brno.

On Thursday afternoon at 2:00, I will then give the talk on Loschmidt.

Because of the importance of the Loschmidt Symposium, I have done a great deal more work for this talk and would like to ask you to show, for this talk only, transparencies rather than slides. That is, for the talk on paintings, I will need two slide projectors, but for the Loschmidt talk, I would like to show a great many transparencies on an overhead projector.

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That talk will be quite long and is, of course, related to my Talk #10, which deals with Richard Anschütz, Couper and Loschmidt. However, there is little overlap between Talk #2 and Talk #10. Thus, if the audience, after that very long talk at 2:00, would like to hear more relating to the same topic, then I would be happy to continue with Talk #10 at, say, 4:00 p.m. If so, I will require for Talk #10 an overhead projector also.

On Friday morning, I will be happy to give Talk #1 on the history of Aldrich at LACHEMA. However, I do believe that this talk would be of interest to academic chemists also, and perhaps you could arrange for chemists from the Department of Chemistry to be invited to the talk at LACHEMA also. For that talk, I will also require an overhead projector rather than a slide projector.

Just in case art historians might be interested in hearing more about paintings, after hearing the talk on Wednesday evening, I will bring slides for Talks #4 and #5 with me.

Talk #7 has no slides at all and is really a spoof on modern technical education. Talks #8 and #9 are really so specialized, relating as they do to Rembrandt and his students, that I think that we should leave these, just in case you have the strength to invite me again for some talks next summer.

Best wishes, as always,

AB/cw





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ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

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April 21, 1995  
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Drs. Ladislav Skursky and  
Jirí Kroupa  
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Czech Republic

Dear Drs. Skursky and Kroupa:

Please do not mind that a rather long trip to California, for the American Chemical Society Convention and then some lectures in Canada, have delayed my thanking you for your kind and detailed letter of April 4th.

Allow me to discuss your points one by one:

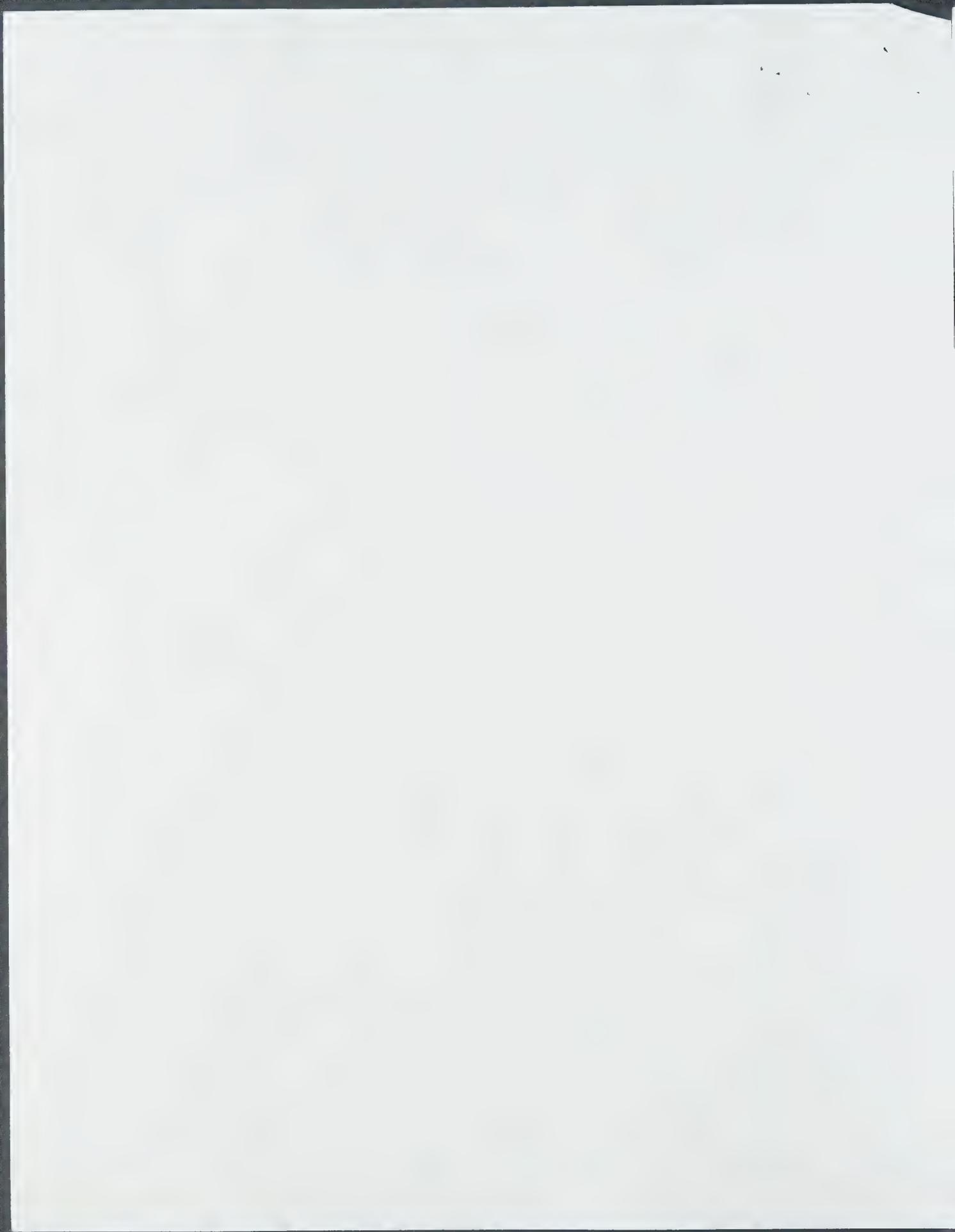
- 1) We plan to arrive from Prague by car and will probably leave around 1:00 pm that afternoon and should be in Brno between 3:00 and 4:00.

However, when you will get to know<sup>us</sup> you will understand that we like to live simply, and we would much prefer the accommodation first suggested by you rather than the Hotel International. Please do understand.

To have the lecture, *The Bible Through Dutch Eyes*, early that evening will be fine. You will remember that for that lecture, I require two slide projectors to show two slides at the same time.

For the last few years, one of our best chemist friends in the Czech Republic, Ing. Vladimir Matous, has helped us with transportation, and we have used his driver to pick us up at one place and deliver us to our next destinations. Ing. Matous' phone number at home in Pardubice is 40-25493 and in his office 40-47156. His office fax is 40-40682. The driver, Eddie, has driven us for several years and will pick us up at the airport in Munich on Sunday, June 18th, drive us to the apartment in the Husova in the center of Prague, where we have stayed the last few years, and he will then drive us from Prague to Brno early on the afternoon of June 21st. Around noon of Friday, June 23rd, Eddie will take us from Brno to Vienna, for the beginnings of the Loschmidt Symposium.

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Jiri Kroupa  
April 21, 1995  
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- 2) The timing of the Loschmidt lecture at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22nd is just fine. There, again, I will require two slide projectors.

I have had a very kind note from your rector, Professor Dr. Eduard Schmidt, confirming our meeting with him that morning at 10:00 a.m.

Naturally, a round-table discussion such as you suggest will be just fine.

- 3) Of course, we also look forward to meeting members of the Jewish community. My only remaining relative, Mrs. Vera Bader Weber, lives not far away in Kyjov, and of course, we hope to meet her and Dr. Martin Mandl.
- 3) Have no fear of overloading me.

We have just come back from Edmonton <sup>in</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> Alberta, where we ~~we~~ hosted by an excellent Czech-Canadian chemist, Professor Kratochvil. In those two days, I gave five lectures, and would have preferred six.

Should some of your chemists be interested in a talk on the history of the Aldrich Chemical Company, I would be happy to give a talk on that, but for that talk, would require an overhead projector using transparencies, rather than a projector with slides.

Again, when you get to know us better, you will realize that Isabel and I like to do things together, and there is really no need nor wish for Isabel to be given separate tours. Just read Chapter Six in my autobiography and you will understand why we want to be together.

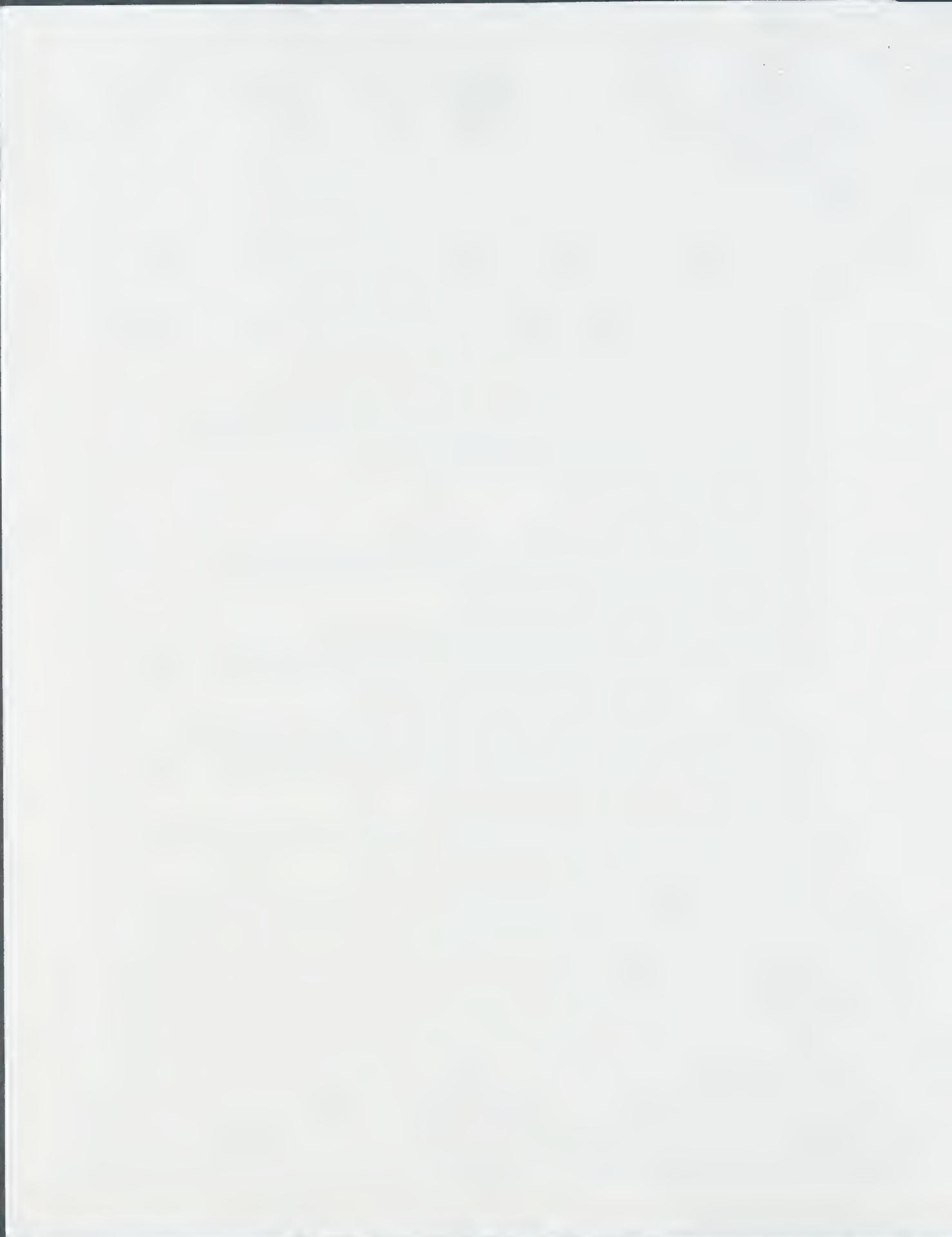
- 4) I very much hope that some students from your University will have applied and will be accepted to come to the Loschmidt Symposium in Vienna.

My ancestors came from Moravia, and I don't know of any place, except possibly Prague, where I would enjoy myself more than in Brno.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw  
cc: Elizabeth Suing (via air mail)





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*June trip plan*

9 September, 1994

Dear Doctor Bader,

I was very pleased to receive your letter and I look forward to meeting you and your wife in June next year.

Your intention to give lectures on art history is very much appreciated by both the faculty of Sciences and that of Arts. Assoc.Prof. Dr. Ladislav Skurský, whom you know and who will be coordinating the visit of both the mentioned faculties, will also discuss with you all the details.

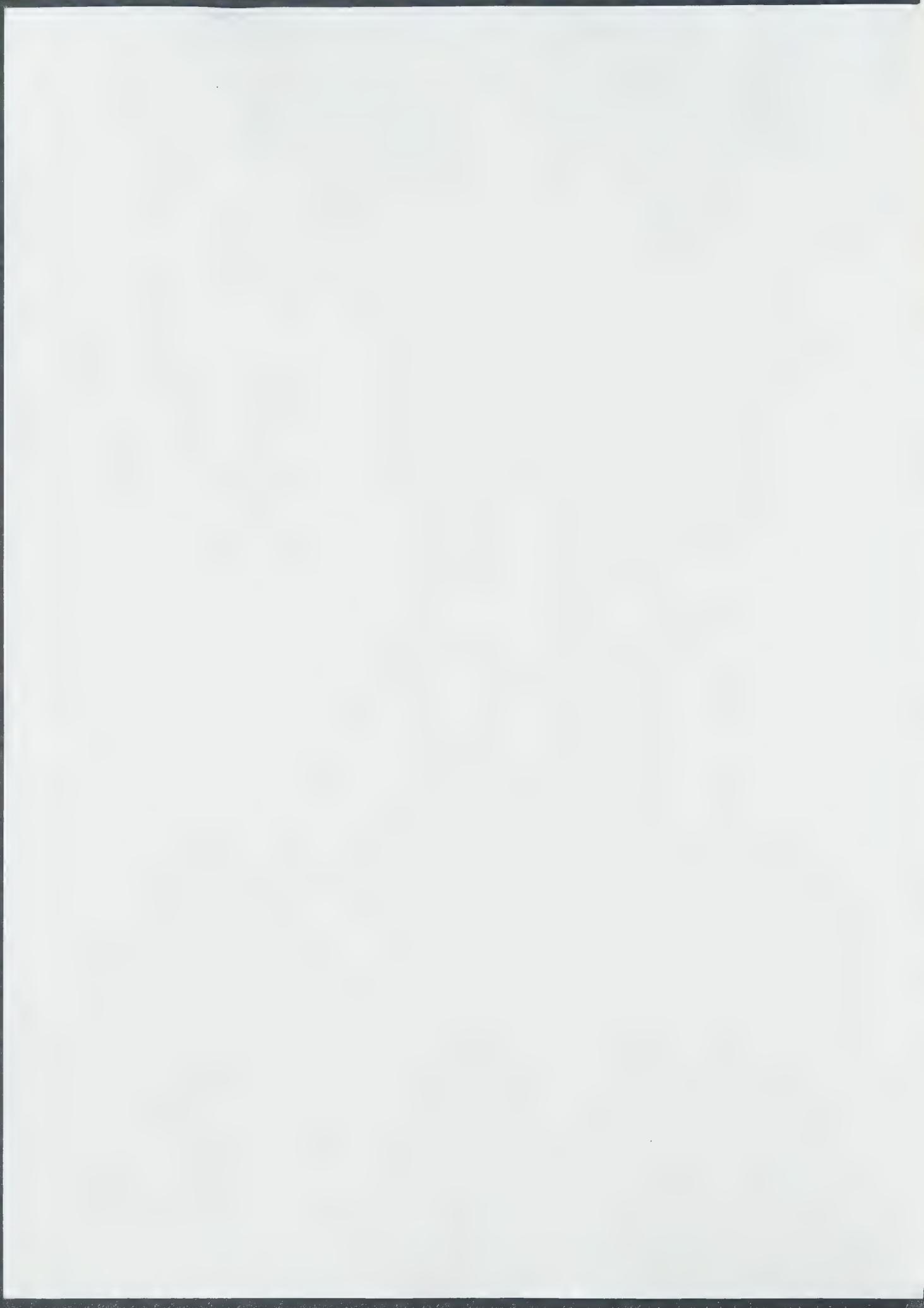
I would like to thank you for enclosed materials which are of great interest to me, for favourable news about our students in the U.S.A. and also for your offer to sponsor our students so that they could attend the Lochsmitz Symposium in Vienna.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Eduard Schmidt

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February 28, 1995

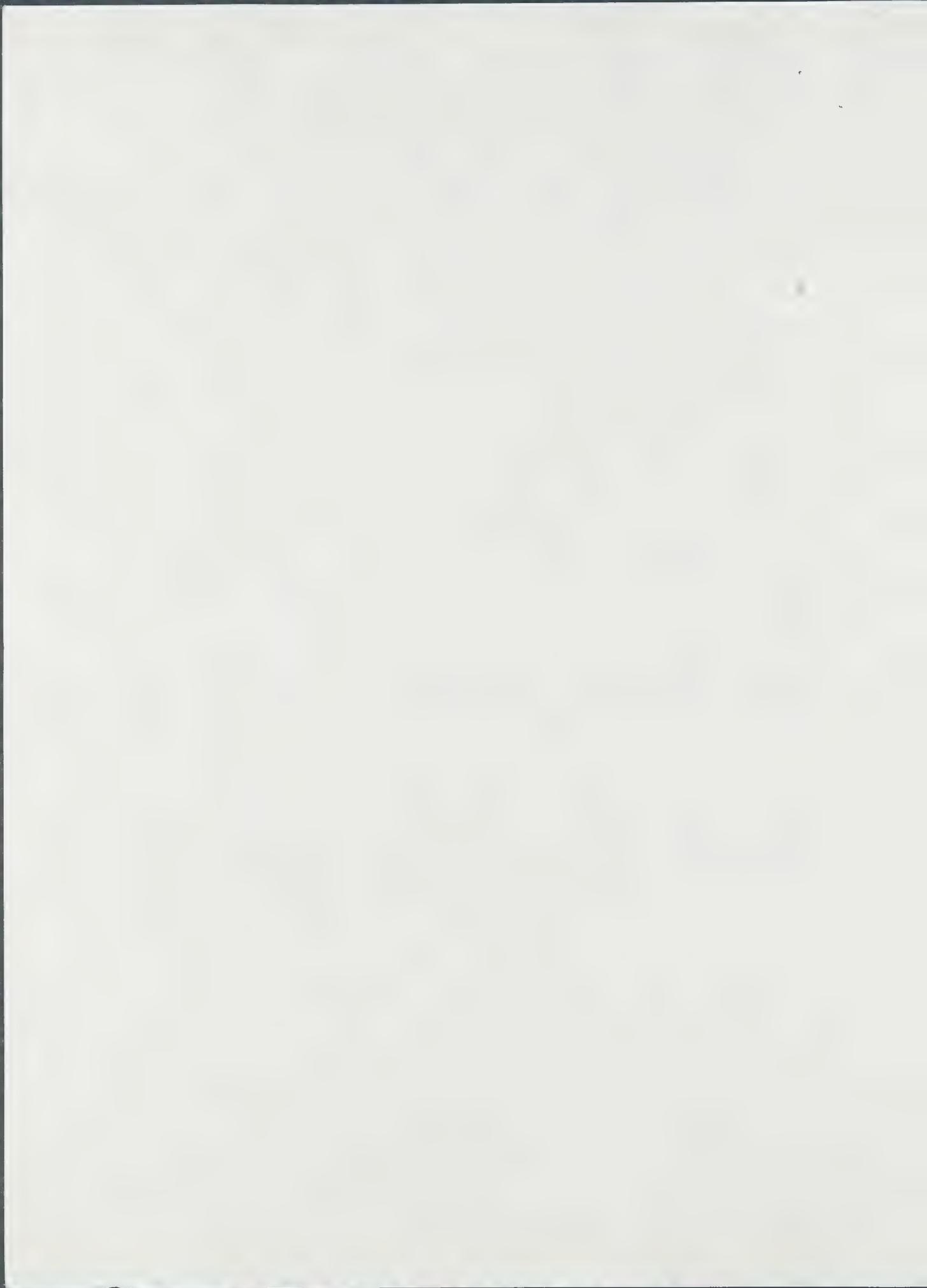
Dear Sir,

I was pleased to learn from professor Schmidt, the president of the Masaryk University in Brno, of your intention to give a lecture during your stay in Brno. As the head of the Institute of History of Arts and Architecture at the Masaryk University in Brno, I will be happy to help you prepare and organise it.

I believe that the most suitable from the topics you suggested would be The Bible through Dutch Eyes. Also talk on the Rembarndt Research Project would be very interesting, of course. The lecture would be held in the lecture hall of the Moravian Gallery in Brno - it is the former refectory of the monastery of Augustinians - Eremites in Brno, in Baroque style, with ceiling stucco-reliefs from the 1730's. I trust you will find these premises most satisfactory. As soon as I receive some more details from you, I will have the invitation and poster printed. Naturally, I will inform the Brno Jewish community, too.

There is, unfortunately, a slight problem related to fact that you intend to come in summer. That is the time of the university holidays and I am afraid most our students - whom I should very much recommend to attend your lecture - will have left Brno by then.

I should appreciate if you could let me know the exact date of your arrival, possible dates when you could give the lecture, the title of your lecture and a short summary to be included in the invitation.

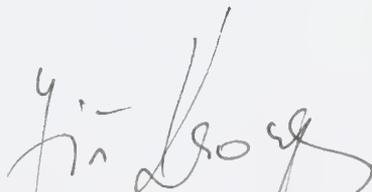


I have already informed the president of the Masaryk University that we will happily assist you to satisfy your interest in anything concerning Moravia and the history of arts.

Enclosed you will find some materials on the activities of the Institute. I was happy to learn that one of our students (Petr Ingerle) has received a grant you initiated for the research of 17th century painting.

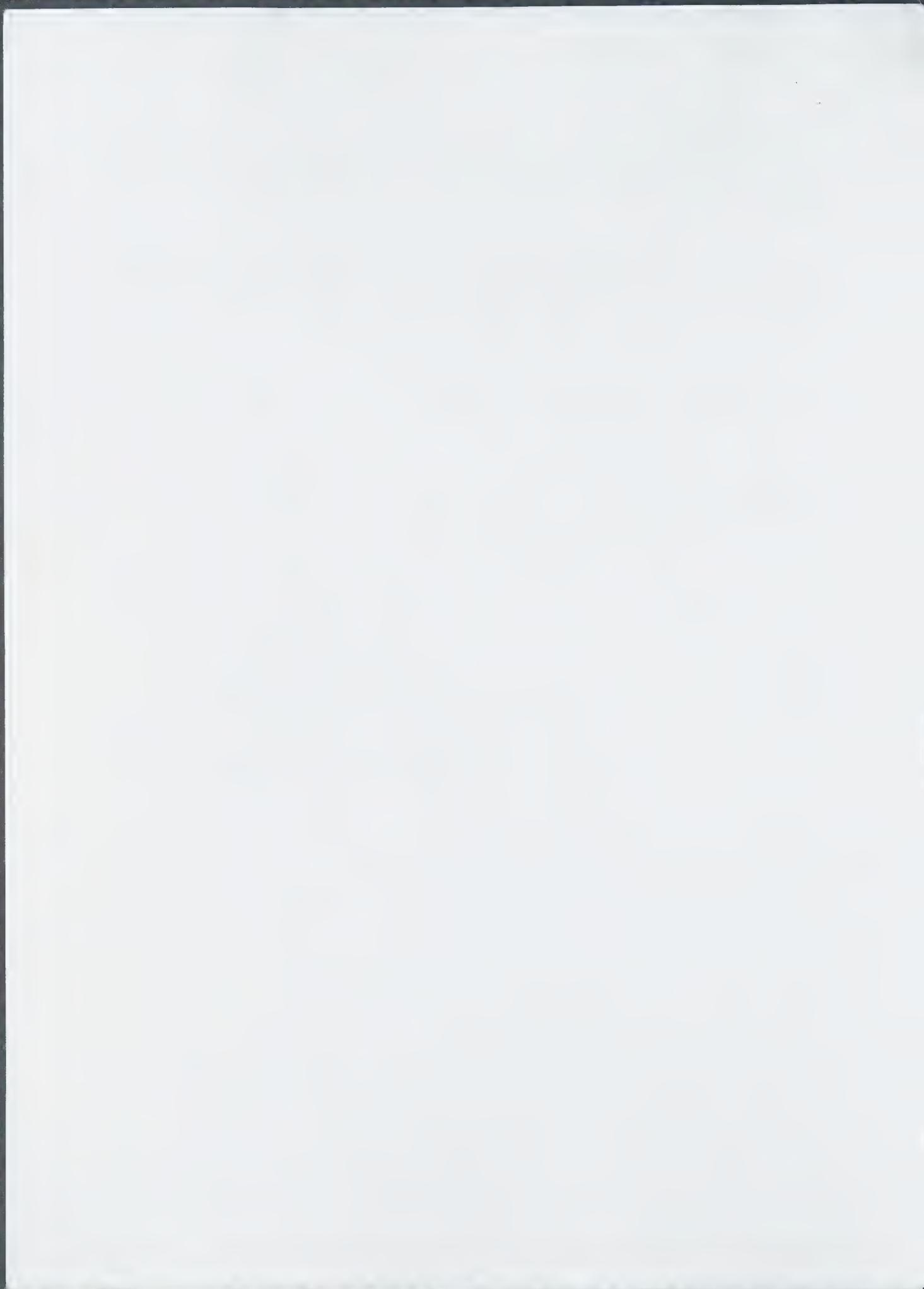
I look forward to hearing from you further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jiří Kroupa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Doc. Dr. Jiří Kroupa, CSc.

(The Head of the Institute of History of Art)





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March 1, 1996

TO: Dr. Ladislav Skursky  
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Dear Professor Skursky:

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Unfortunately, we have so many travels planned for this year that we couldn't possibly come to Brno to speak on Loschmidt in August. However, I am convinced that Dr. Robert Rosner could give two appropriate talks. One would be on Loschmidt, and the other would be about the roots of chemistry in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Surprisingly, and I believe not very well-known in the Czech Republic, is the fact that practically all of the Empire's ablest chemists came originally from what is now the Czech Republic.

As you know, we are planning to be in Bohemia and Moravia during the week of June 3rd, and I have asked Ing. Matous to help us with travel plans. I am not at all certain that it will be feasible to be in Brno on the Thursday and Friday of the week, that is, on June 6th and 7th.

We plan to fly to Vienna, perhaps best on the 2nd or 3rd of June, and then be driven by a Czech driver whom we know very well from Vienna to the four destinations, Prague, Pardubice, Brno and - for a short time - Kyjov. I will talk to Ing. Matous soon. One possibility might be to begin our stay in Brno on June 3rd to 4th, with a few hours in Kyjov, and then drive to Prague and then Pardubice, and then back to Vienna.

Of course, we very much look forward to seeing you again.

With all good wishes, I remain,

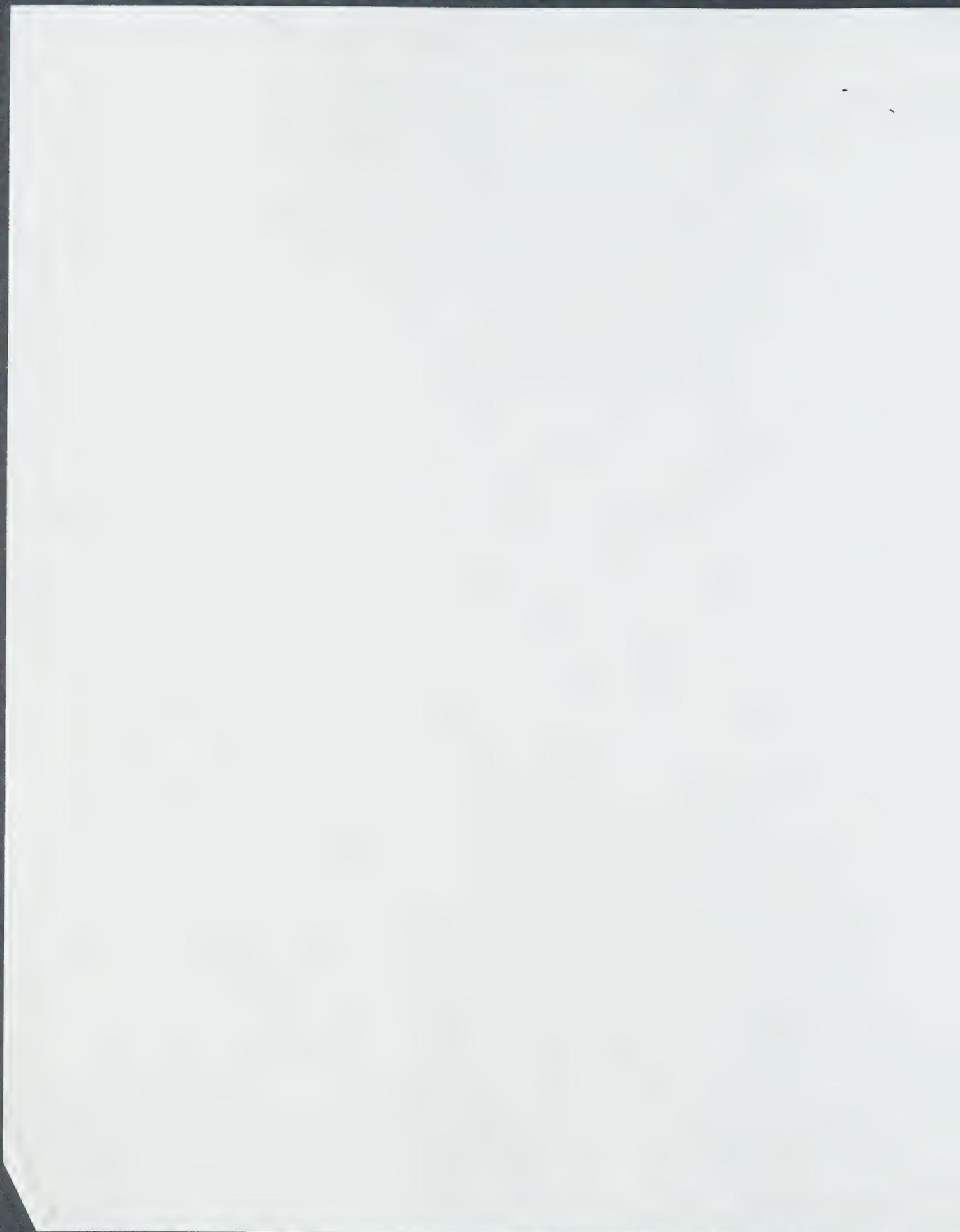
Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

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Dr. Robert Rosner (Fax: ~~43-1-40-30-544 [c/o Professor Schönfeld]~~)

*Send by mail to RR*



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Feb. 29, 1976

Dear Dr Bader,

Many thanks for your friendly letter of Feb. 15. It obviously crossed my own letter (of Feb. 7) somewhere on the road.

I have immediately informed Rector Schmidt. He will be happy to have Mrs Isabel and you as his guests. I have entered preliminary contacts with Prof. Paleta. (Also, I have learned that Prof Zahradnik will be in Washington in June.) I spoke with Ing Matouš and asked him to reserve Thursday (and Friday) of your stay for Brno if possible. He will be in contact with you.

On this occasion I would like to examine your preliminary reaction on the following matter. August 26-29, our University organizes with (and for) the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences an international conference. The society mostly consists of Czechs and Slovaks living in the USA. One section of the conference will be devoted to brief biographies of personalities of Czech origin like J. Brunel, J. Heyrovský etc. My suggestion to Prof. Zahradnik to include also J. Rossmat has been sympathetically accepted. Preliminary I intend to invite Dr. Rosner for a contribution examining the causes of Goodenrich's obstruction. Prof. Wotiz who is organizing participating will certainly include something on Rosner. I now suggest that you consider participating as the main speaker in Rossmat (for general public, there will be few chemists there)

I am not going into details and ask you to contact Prof. Wotiz for further information in case that you would think about it

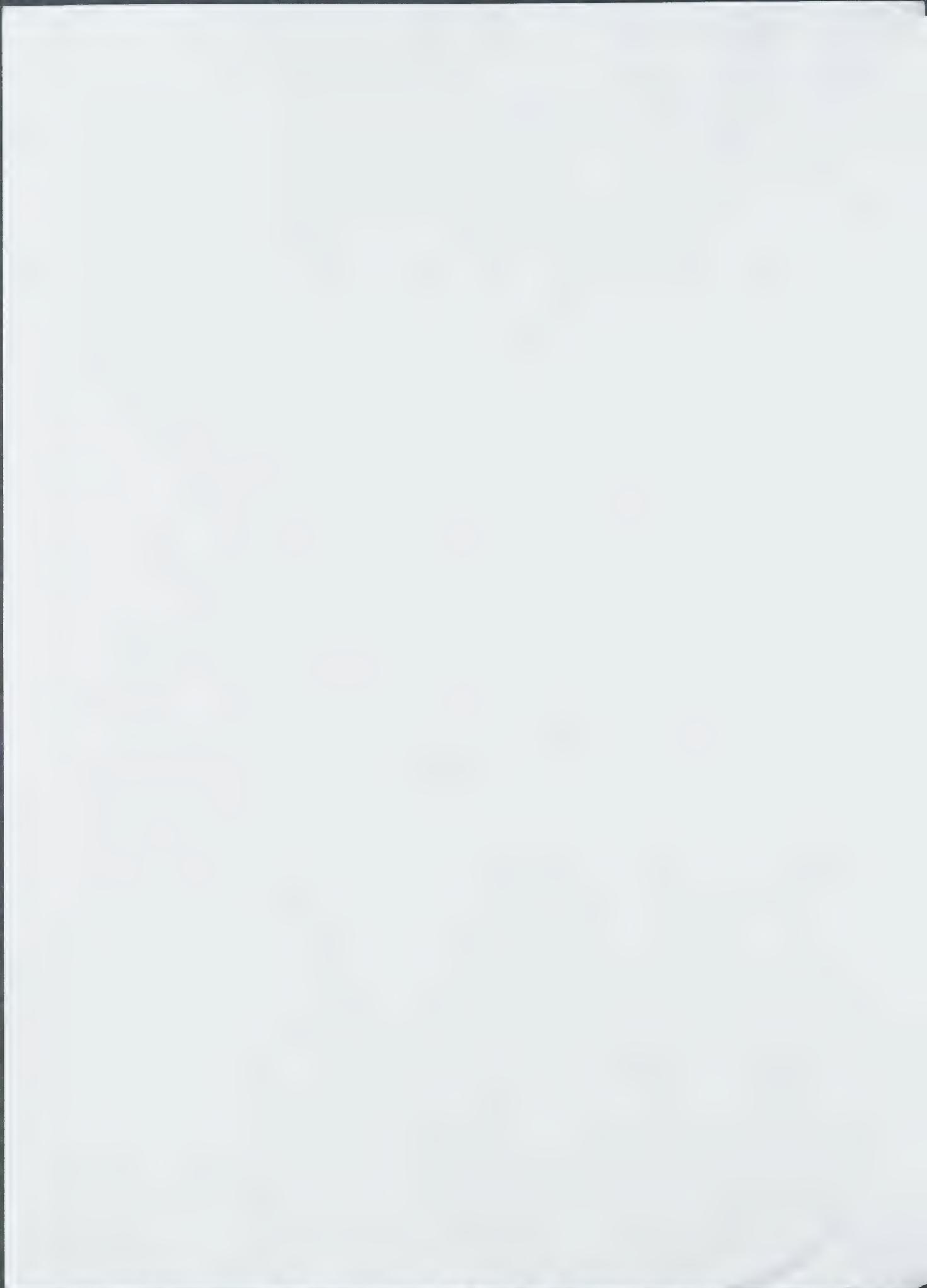
Hoping that you will not be angry with me for these proposals

I remain yours very sincerely

L. Skursky

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PS: If possible, respond by FAX;  
it is faster





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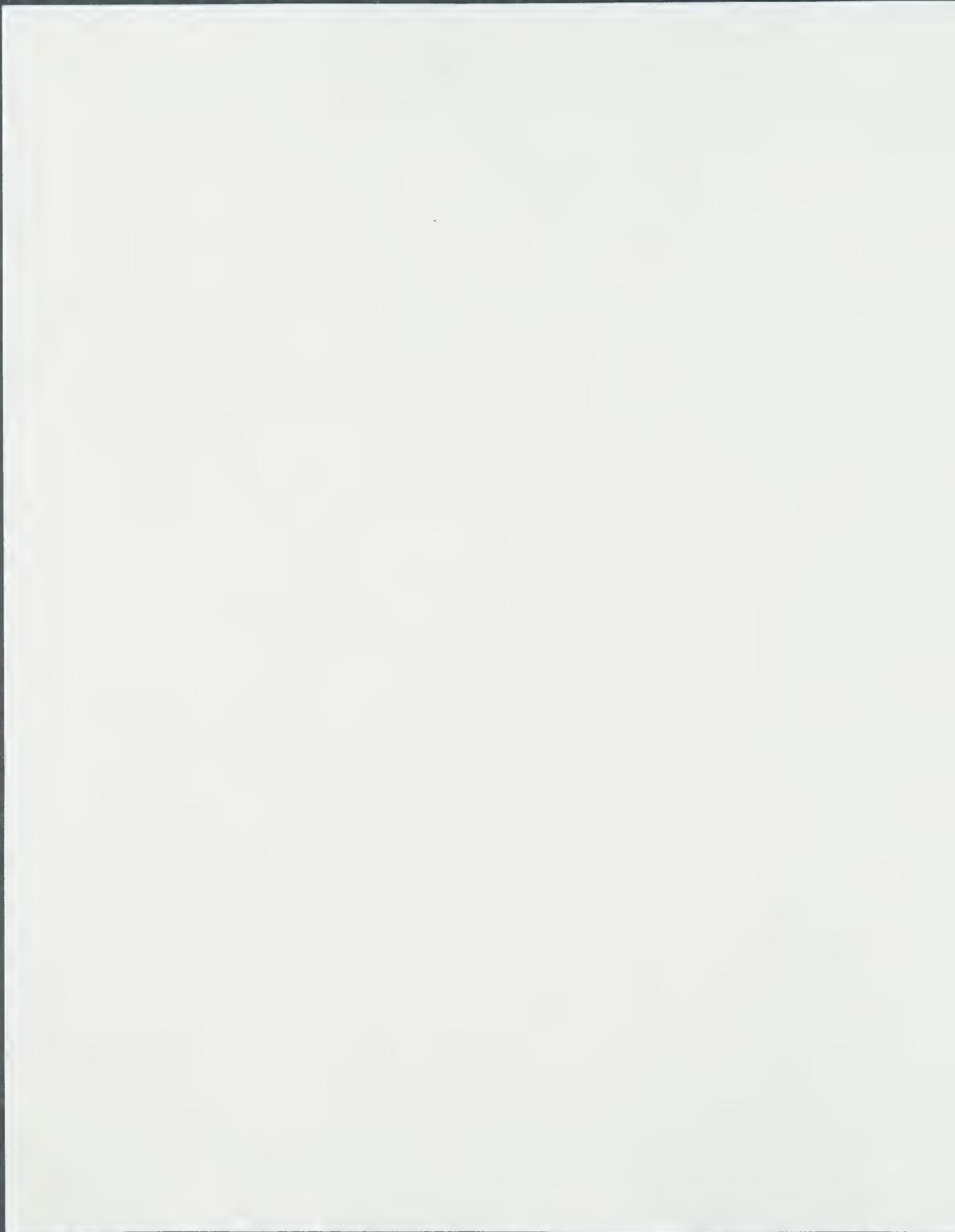
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Of course, we very much look forward to seeing you again.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw



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March 11, 1996

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FAX 42-65-47211214

DR. DR. FRED B. B. B.

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FAX 414/277-0709

Dear Dr. B. B.

Now you faced some of the same I have learned with regard that you cannot be here in the first, In between Dr. Riemer. whom he cannot accept the invitation either

His suggestion that in June you and I could have one dinner together appears a good idea. He also preliminarily informed me on your preference to be in June and I informed this could be a good time for the consideration of other things.

The Chemical Society committee considers to ask you also for the lecture on Chromophores. This could be organized on a broader basis (not only for professional chemists). However not too many people here do well understand English. Some of us asked me to pose a polite question to you on whether you could let us have it, but its translation would be offered to those who speak it. It would be to have it. Please think about it and let me know.

Also the Faculty of Arts (A society of art lovers) would like to ask you for a lecture. We would be pleased when we know how much of your time you could spare at that time.

Looking forward to further instructions from you,

I remain

Yours very sincerely

J. Murky





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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

February 15, 1996

Professor Ladislav Skursky  
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Czech Republic

Dear Professor Skursky:

Isabel and I much look forward to being in the Czech Republic during the week of June 3rd. We plan to spend to spend three or four days in Prague and two days each in Pardubice and Brno. We have asked our good friend, Ing. Vladimir Matous, to coordinate our trip.

I have written to Professors Paleta and Zahradnik giving them each a menu of my talks, with the thought that one or two of these might be welcome in Prague. For your information, a copy of that menu is enclosed, in case such a talk might be welcome in Brno as well.

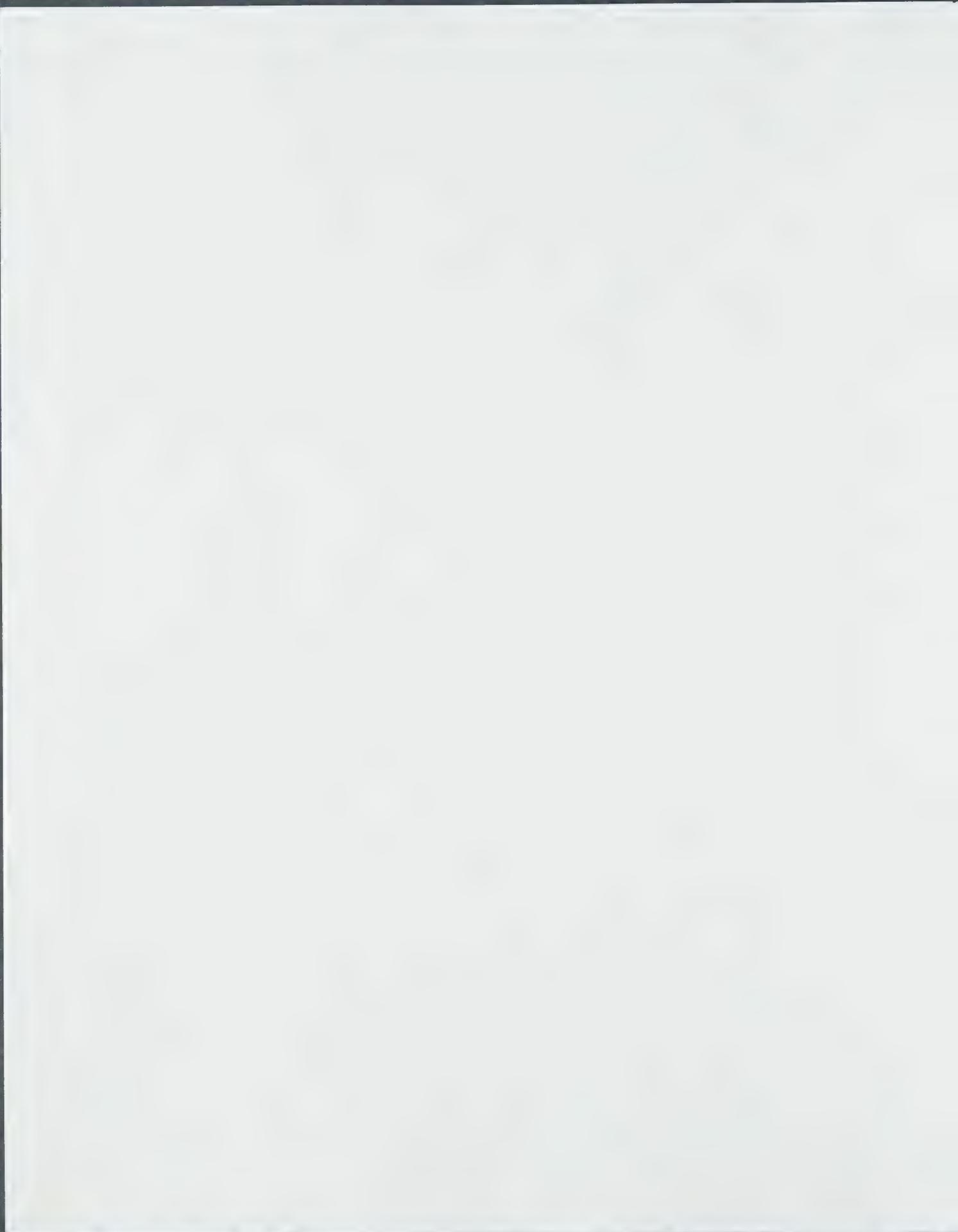
Needless to say, we much look forward to seeing you.

With all good wishes to you and your associates, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosure





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TO: Dr. Ladislav Skursky  
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Dear Professor Skursky:

In respond to your fax of yesterday, Isabel and I look forward to being back in Brno on Monday, June 3rd.

Dr. Robert Rosner is an old friend, and I will be happy to have my talk follow his or vice-versa. The best talk for Brno chemists will be the talk on Couper, Loschmidt and Anschütz. For that, I require an overhead projector.

My talk on Chemophobia has already been published in Czech in a paper called *Vesmir*, and with this fax, I am sending you the first page of that four-page article.

For your art historians, I would very much like to present the talk entitled *The Rembrandt Research Project and the Collector*, and for that, I need one slide projector to show standard slides.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Robert Rosner (Fax: 43-1-40-30-544 [c/o Professor Schönfeld])

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## Chemofobie, pokrok, ...

ALFRED BADER

*Fax to Prof. L. Skursky.*

Svět stojí tváří v tvář třem velkým problémům. Dva z nich jsou dobře známy, třetí se před námi právě vynořuje. První – a patrně největší – je nedostatek úcty člověka k člověku. Na samém počátku největší knihy světa, bible, stojí slova, která jsou nepochybně Magnou Chartou humanity: „I stvořil Bůh člověka k obrazu svému.“ Člověka, ne tedy bělocha, černocha, žlutého, křesťana nebo žida, muslima nebo buddhistu, ale prostě člověka. Hluboko v lidském charakteru se však skrývá vážný nedostatek. Čas od času, zvláště v minulém a tomto století, se bláhově utěšujeme tím, že vzdělání a věda povedou k nápravě. Není však nápravy, jak nám ukázal holocaust a jak nám ukazují etnické čistky v Bosně nebo Somálsku nebo Rwandě. A nikdy nebude nápravy, kterou by věda – a tím méně chemie – mohla zjednat. Možná že bych neměl tvrdit, že nikdy nebude nápravy, ale prostě pochybuji, že by se nám kdy podařilo najít pilulku, která by vyvolala v lidech toleranci a porozumění.

Druhým velkým problémem světa je přelidnění. Kdyby počet lidí stoupal tak rychle jako v minulém století, brzy by přišel čas, kdy by pro další miliardy nebylo na světě místa. Naštěstí částečná odpověď jak řešit tuto otázku k nám už – díky chemii – pronikla, a sice dvěma naprosto různými cestami. Haberův – Boschův proces fixace dusíku a vodíku ve čpavek, který je hlavní surovinou pro výrobu umělých hnojiv, zachránil před smrtí hladem stovky milionů lidí. A mluvit o historii antikoncepční pilulky tady v Kalifornii je nošením dříví do lesa. Možná bych měl připojit, že nepochybuji o tom, že dříve nebo později přijdou chemici s pilulkou pro muže.

Třetí problém, chemofobie, hrůza před chemií, může vypadat směšně ve srovnání s tím, o čem jsem právě mluvil. Je také pravda, že chemofobie se často projevuje způsobem vskutku triviálním, ale vážnějším problémem je její dlouhodobý účinek.

Dovolte mi, abych na chvíli odbočil. Když mi bylo sedmnáct let, člověk, který se o mne staral, mi dal přečíst několik esejí od Thomase Babingtona Macaulaye. Jaký to byl jazyk, jaká argumentace, jaká historie! Pořád ty knížky mám, pečlivě zabalené do papírů, držené pohromadě časem zahnědlou lepicí páskou. Vzrušení, s nímž je i dnes otevírám – přestože jsem je přečetl několikrát od první do poslední stránky už ve čtyřicátých letech – má v sobě hodně ze setkání se „starým přítelem“ v muzeu, obrazem velkého holandského mistra, který jsem mnoho let neviděl. Macaulayův jazyk, jeho argumentace jsou brilantní – kolikrát jsem si říkal „Kdybych jen tak uměl mluvit a psát jako on!“ Ve třetí kapitole svých Dějin Anglie, vydaných r. 1848, napsal o naší době: „Může se stát ve dvacátém století, že rolník z Dorsetshire se bude cítit velmi špatně placen za dvacet šilinků týdně, že truhlář z Greenwiche bude brát deset šilinků denně, že těžce pracujícím bude připadat tak nepřirozené nemít maso k večeři jako je teď nejist žitný chleba, že zdravotní politika a lékařské objevy přidají několik let k střední délce lidského života.“ Jak krásné a jak málo předvídaté! Spolupráce mezi chemií a medicínou přidal nejen několik let, ale zdvojnásobila délku lidského života, a i ti nejhudší mezi námi se těší z výhod, o kterých se aristokracii roku 1848 ani nesnilo.



Nositel plakety J. E. Purkyně Alfred Bader za své návštěvy v Praze v červnu 1995

Kdo by byl v dobách, kdy jsem byl ještě chlapec, uvažoval vážně o tom, že člověk vstoupí na měsíc, že dokáže transplantovat lidské srdce, nebo že uskočteční genové inženýrství? Zasludou vědy se to vše stalo skutečností. Ve stejné kapitole, ze které jsem citoval, mluví Macaulay o dvojitě klamu, jemuž podléhali lidé jeho doby – o klamu slavné minulosti a velké budoucnosti. Jde o klam podobný tomu, jakému podléhají poutníci v arabské poušti: blízko za karavanou je vše holé a vyprahlé, ale v dále před ní i za ní se vznáší vidina jezera s osvěžující vodou. Poutníci spěchají vpřed a nenalézají v místech, kde ještě před hodinou viděli jezero, nic než písek. V dnešní době nepodléháme klamům takového druhu. Ve třicátých letech hovořila moje matka často o „dobrych starých časech“ rakouské monarchie. Nemám žádné takové vzpomínky. Před padesáti lety byl život daleko obtížnější, obávali jsme se ještě, že by Hitler přece jen mohl zvítězit. A nejsem si vůbec jist, že život za padesát let ode dneška bude lepší, neboť před námi stojí tři velké hrozby: hrozba přelidnění, hrozba netolerance a – podle mého názoru – hrozba chemofobie, strachu z chemie.

Doufám, že se mýlím, a modlím se za to, abych se mýlil. Je tak lehké dělat chyby, zvláště v předpovědi budoucnosti. I nositelé Nobelových cen se mohou mýlit, a to i v předpovědích o vlastních oborech, v nichž jsou mistry. Roku 1928 prohlásil Robert Millikan pevně: „Není pravděpodobné, že by kdy člověk uvolnil atomovou energii!“ Kdž ve čtyřicá-

