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September 20, 1996

Dr. Alfred Bader
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Dear Alfred:

Your ACS tour visit and lectures here last week were indeed a great pleasure for all of us. Those who heard you talked about various aspects of what you said for days afterward.

In considering the Loschmidt legacy, Jack Landgrebe and I were wondering if you are familiar with the short section on the evolution of structural theory in Aaron Ihde's "The Development of Modern Chemistry" (Harper & Row, 1964; reprinted 1970). Enclosed are copies of two pertinent pages from Chapter 12 of that book, where, you will note, Ihde refers to the Loschmidt book and its limited circulation.

I was certainly pleased to be able to meet you after all these years of knowing only a little about you and your work. I have enjoyed reading your book, and I was delighted to read about your life in it.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope we will be able to meet again soon.

Sincerely,

Albert

Albert W. Burgstahler
Professor of Chemistry

cc: Jack Landgrebe
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A Chemist Helping Chemists

September 27, 1996

Professor Lester A. Mitscher
Department of Medicinal Chemistry
University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS 66045

Dear Professor Mitscher:

I was sorry to have missed you in Lawrence earlier this month but was happy to be able to meet you at the IUPAC meeting.

Thank you particularly for telling me that the Aldrich Digi-Block is so useful in combinatorial work. There may be quite a few chemists in that field who are unaware of that, and I will try to share that information with some.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

bc: Dr. Seth Harrison

P.S. to Seth:

Professor Mitscher told me that the Digi-Block, offered by Aldrich quite inexpensively, is as good as and much less expensive than equipment offered for combinatorial work. Please share this with our chemists.

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September 27, 1996

Dr. Andrea S. Norris
Director
Spencer Museum of Art
University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS 66045-2136

Dear Dr. Norris:

Thank you for your gracious letter of September 23rd.

Isabel and I had never been to Kansas before and didn't realize what a great museum and what a fine chemistry department you have at the University of Kansas.

I am sorry about the mix-up of my lectures. I had hoped that I could give three lectures that Monday, one of which would have been at your art museum. Planning for lectures just after summer vacation is always difficult, but perhaps you and the Chemistry Department might combine someday to invite us to give three or four other lectures in Lawrence.

We now realize that it is very easy to fly by Midwest Express non-stop from Milwaukee to Kansas City, and from there to Lawrence is just a short drive.

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

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

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A Chemist Helping Chemists

September 16, 1996

Professor Albert Burgstahler
4035 Malott Hall
University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS 66045

Dear Professor Burgstahler:

I so enjoyed being able to meet you in Lawrence last Monday. You have become a legend in your own day. Gilbert Stork first mentioned your great chemistry to me many years ago, but sadly, it took so very long to meet you personally. And then, just as I had hoped to be able to spend half an hour with you at 3:00 in the afternoon, we were told that an appointment had been made for us at your art museum. Thus, I particularly cherished the few minutes we had after my talk.

Please do consider allowing Aldrich to purchase your collection of research samples, which would help a great many chemists worldwide. Aldrich lists all such research samples in the company's computer, and chemists can obtain whatever computer printouts they might require at no charge. They can then acquire samples at just a nominal charge.

We have some of the world's ablest chemists' collections - so, for instance, Bob Woodward, Tadeus Reichstein, Henry Gilman and hundreds of others, and your collection would make a great addition. The man in charge at Aldrich, Bob Wandler, will contact you to discuss this.

Also, when next you come to Wisconsin, please consider visiting both Aldrich and me.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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c: Mr. Bob Wandler

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September 20, 1996

Professor Paul R. Hanson
5087 Malott Hall
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Lawrence, KS 66406

Dear Professor Hanson:

Thank you so much for your kind reception of Isabel and me last week. Here you are in your very first year in a great university, and yet you could take time out to meet visiting firemen!

Thank you also for letting me take Professor Bob Carlson's research samples, which look very interesting. Of course, I turned these over immediately to Bob Wandler, the man who runs the Sigma-Aldrich Library of Rare Chemicals, and he will be in touch with you shortly. These compounds will certainly interest and help a great many chemists around the world.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

c: Mr. Bob Wandler

SCHEDULE FOR

DR. ALFRED BADER
Aldrich Chemical Company

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Sunday, September 8

~5:00 p.m.	Arrive at Halcyon House (1000 Ohio)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner with Daryle Busch

Monday, September 9

8:30 a.m.	Joseph A. Heppert, 1023 Malott	Org Mat B Madison
9:00	Richard L. Schowen, 5090 Malott	MIT phys org enzymology F.C.
9:30	X Paul R. Hanson, 5087 Malott	org – first year
10:00	Andrew S. Borovik, 5085 Malott	Coord chem Minn. 1st year
10:30	Marlin D. Harmony, 6079 Malott	spectra
11:00	X Kristin Bowman-James, 2010 Malott	coord chem., worked in Israel Chair
11:30	Lunch (Adams Alumni Center)	
1:30	**SEMINAR "The History of Aldrich Chemical Company" 2049 Malott**	
2:30	Jeff Aube, 4066 Malott	med. chem. – excellent
3:00	Albert W. Burgstahler, 4035 Malott	F
3:30	David R. Benson, 5017 Malott	org. – peptides – porphyrins
4:00	Richard S. Givens, 5023 Malott	ex Zimmerman, UW
4:30	Return to Halcyon House (R. Givens)	
5:30	Pick up at Halcyon House for Dinner at Alumni Center (J. Heppert)	
6:00	ACS Dinner at Alumni Center	
8:00	**ACS TALK "Richard Anschutz, Archibald Scott Couper and Josef Loschmidt: A Chemist Detective at Work" KANSAS ROOM - KANSAS UNION**	

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Dear Professor Burgstahler:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter with the copies from Ihde's book.

I do know that description of Loschmidt's work, a description which is entirely correct but doesn't go quite far enough. Of course, Loschmidt didn't know what to do with the double bonds in benzene, and in that sense, Kekulé's cyclohexitriene is an improvement. But surely Kekulé's "dream" is based on Kekulé having seen Loschmidt's book.

In that, the most important structures are those for diaminobenzene and pyrogallol which show that Loschmidt considered isomers which we now call O, M and P.

I do hope that Bob Wandler will soon be in touch with you about your collection of research samples. He does a fine job with the Library of Rare Chemicals.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

bc: Bob Wandler