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1. I found the Rome meeting rather useless from a scientific point of view and I believe that other US scientists will agree with me. There was entirely too much filler and too great a desire to present a vast program. We were forced to listen to such dissertations as that of a representative from Ceylon who spoke on the influence of the mind on bacteria growth -- and he did it with a straight face. 25X1X
2. [redacted] that the most outstanding papers presented were those by A Lwoff on lysogenicity and by L Cavalli-Sforza in conjunction with a US scientist on the recombination of bacteria.
3. The USSR sent six delegates to the Congress. They presented all their papers in Russian. All were on bacteria of genetics. At a reception I met two of the Soviet delegates who told me that they were from University of Moscow and that bacteriological work there was carried out under the Dept. of Pathology. I had only talked with them a few minutes when another Russian came up who claimed to be an interpreter and who then proceeded to monopolize the conversation with descriptions of the Communist political system. The Soviet delegates all stayed at the Hotel Plaza in Rome. I was told that Soviet delegates to other international conferences have usually stayed in their embassy. I found the Soviet delegates intelligent but superior in manner. Those I met spoke English and German fluently.
4. Several satellite nations also sent delegates but because of the size of the meeting I was unable to hear their papers. I was told, however, by other US scientists that these papers were traditional, conservative and far from outstanding. I heard one paper by a Yugoslav delegate, Milontine Djouricheth, who spoke on drug action, in particular the influence of hydrazid of isonicotinic acid alone and in combination with PAS and streptomycin. This paper was certainly far from original or startling.
5. I noticed on the program that Stefan Slopek was one of the Polish delegates to the Congress, representing the Polish Academy of Sciences. I believe this is the same man [redacted] also a description of any other findings in this field. I have the impression that he was at that time attached to the United Nations in New York. In his letter to me he expressed an interest in anti-bacterial agents and in chemotherapy. He had some position at the University of Warsaw.

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