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Dear Prof Matthews,

I have transmitted your proposal to Vilheasi & have now had an opportunity of discussing the matter with him. He himself would be quite willing, indeed eager, to come, but in view of the obligations he has assumed & the difficulties that may arise, he has preferred to leave the decision to me. This places me in a very awkward position. I should find it difficult to justify to myself as well as to the University & the donors of the Research Fund a break of 3 months or more. Indeed as soon as I try to do so, I feel that I am on unsafe ground & we might indeed forfeit the goodwill of the Muffield Foundation, although I am sure that they will agree if I pursued the matter. I just feel that I cannot do it, much as I should like to.

I wish I could think of someone else, but at the moment I cannot. Wits as you may know (this however confidential) is also looking for someone to take over until they can make an appointment & they are having the same difficulty.

All good wishes,
Yours sincerely,
J. Skye