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Dear Dr Freeman,

I have just received your letter of April 9th containing your very kind invitation to visit Massachusetts Institute of Technology during this Summer.

Since accepting the invitation of the University of North Carolina last Fall, to lecture in the United States this year, I have met with a great deal of difficulty in obtaining official permission to leave this country. It is, therefore, probable that at this late date that, even if our officials are galvanised into putting the matter through, it will be impossible for me to make the trip through lack of transportation.

I shall regret immensely to disappoint the Universities and similar Institutions who have been kind enough to send me invitations. I have done, I think, all that I possibly can by myself to get the necessary permit. I am entirely in the dark as to why it has so far been withheld.

Yours sincerely,