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Dear Harish-Chandra,

I am enclosing a copy of the lecture at Houston which I just wrote. The notes with Jacquet are written. The secretary is now typing the last chapter of sixteen. In a week or two I shall send you a carbon copy. Since it is the only one I have to spare I hope you will mention to Weil and to Godement that you have it. There is a lot of routine stuff in the notes. None the less there are a few things which you may find interesting. The notes justify to some extent the point of view in my Washington lecture.

Will you be going to the conference in Maryland next spring? I was impressed by the list of people invited and thought I would enjoy listening to them. None the less I have decided that I should relax the motivation to speak. Now that the notes with Jacquet are out of the way all I have to do is finish up the notes on the functional equation of the Artin L -functions and then I can worry full time about the questions in the Washington lecture. I don't want to give up his chance in order to develop something to talk about in Maryland.

I feel that one good idea will go a long way to cleaning up all the questions. So a few years spent thinking about them and not much else is a chance worth taking.

I think that Washnitzer is going to invite me to speak at Princeton in the fall. I will probably come and shall see you then.

By the way I heard from blunter sources what you were hinting to me about Weil. It was I guess rather a cheap and, in his position, irresponsible thing to do—to dismiss someone else's efforts without even trying to understand them. None the less one has I suppose to take him as he is. Besides, and for me at least this is of some importance, the whole business has in the long run probably done me more good than harm.

Best wishes to you and your family. I hope you had a good vacation in Oregon.

Yours truly,

R. P. Langlands

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