to my parents.

Freiburg, July 31.

The fellowship has not been decided as yet, but it is rather certain. At my request, Spemann has written to Paris (European office of Rockefeller Foundation) and he received the answer that the decisive session in which the final decisions on the stipends are made will take place at the beginning of August, but that the preliminary committee has considered my case very positively and that the decision is usually made in accordance with this committee. Hence I may begin my preparations, but as stated, they cannot tell me positively as yet. I am rather angry about this bureaucratic over zeal. It is clear that the matter has to be done carefully. But I have submitted 4 very good recommendations, from Mangel, Herbst-Heidelberg, Belger-Bern and Harrison, U.S. Furthermore, The Rockefeller people have very good reason to fulfill Spemann's wishes, because they have not gone back on very big promise (extension of the Institute, etc.), and finally, if Spemann broke up somebody, they don't need another backing. But I can't do anything about it. But I count on it 80%, however. I'll try to delay the departure to middle or end of October.