

Paris, 15<sup>th</sup> November 1857

Dear President,

I would be very happy to be granted permission tomorrow to speak for a communication at the Académie. I would have registered with the secretary several weeks ago had I not asked Mr. Dumas to present my work, which he was not able to do last Monday, and had he not sent my report back to me a few days ago, kindly adding that the importance of my results deserved that I ought to read them out in person.

You can see, dear President, that I have been ready for a long time and that, without these particular circumstances, I would have taken measures earlier in order to obtain the favor I am now requesting from your goodwill.

Please accept, dear President, my best regards,  
Your very humble and devoted servant,  
L. Pasteur