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K-12 history

To the best of my recollection, I got "K-12" from Ed Tatum when I came to Yale in March 1946, and kept my own stocks of it. I have no record of re-obtains; but from a very early time I followed the possibility of minimizing reobtain of a stock culture. If any identifiable variant (clonal morphology, etc.) were noticed it would be given a distinctive stock number.

I have no recollection that K-12 was ever lost or contaminated so as to call for a recall or resubstitution. But without an exhaustive search through my correspondence (a 10 year task) I can't be sure. You might do well to ask Larry Morse (Denver) if he remembers anything in that line.

Do also keep in mind the first step mutants from K12:

58, 679

(Ed's auxotrophs)

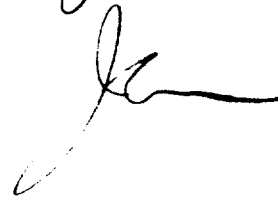
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that are fairly ancient.

Fritz + Ida Ooster dropped by the other day. I asked them about Levin's "reiterations" of K-12. He pointed out they were merely "zymetyped" and have not been sew-typed.

Yours



Thank you!
about the linkage chart.

PS can you spare another reprint of
1980. Mrs. Lew ?