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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

From ISI's Science Citation Index, we have determined that your paper "Replica Plating and Indirect Selection of Bacterial Mutants" is among the 500 most cited during the years 1961-1975. That makes it one of the most cited articles ever published.

With our first 1977 issue of Current Contents, ISI initiated a one-page feature entitled "Citation Classics." This feature presents a brief abstract or digest of the most highly-cited scientific articles in various fields, along with comments and reflections by the author or coauthors, if willing, or by some expert in the field.

Accordingly, I am requesting of you a short commentary on the importance of your article, or perhaps an explanation of your article's status as a highly-cited "classic." In addition to your commentary, could you please enclose a brief description, or abstract, of the methods used in your paper.

I enclose a sample page of the feature based upon comments of Oliver H. Lowry on his 1951 paper "Protein Measurement with the Folin Phenol Reagent." Perhaps you will find it helpful in formulating a reply. However, please feel free to respond in any fashion you may wish.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or write. I thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert Cohen

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Editor

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Enclosure

*Thank - In view of my relationship
to ISI, and the overlap with
the journal, I think it would
be better if I say so.
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