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Dear Miss Behnhoff:

Thank you for your last group of strains; it no longer matters much how many come in a given package. One or two of them were contaminated with Protous, and it was only by plating on synthetic medium that I was able to separate the coli, so don't think this an accusation. Two or three of the cultures in this group appear to be crossing with K-12. I hope it will not put you out to continue to send similar material. However, cultures actually isolated from ~~an~~ plates are not likely to be useful, whereas most of those from air-treated animals remain S<sup>0</sup>, at least for my purposes.

Your # 41 - 46 appear to be identical, judging from appearance on EMB sucrose and on their colonial activity. D and F are easily distinguished. 61-62 however are probably identical.

As I wrote to Dr. Miller, there may or may not be any point in attempting these comparative identifications. I would be happy to cooperate with you on this, but if the issue is really worthwhile, it should be continued on a scale inconmensurate with the inconvenience of transshipping the cultures and coordinating the isolations and the diagnoses at this distance.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.