

Memo from  
JOSHUA LEDERBERG

To: Bill Mc Elroy

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— some history —  
I've just enjoyed reading your  
piece in Ann. Rev. Microbiol.

I was particularly interested in your  
remarks about Beadle and Tatum →  
are you sure about hearing about  
microorganisms for biochemical  
mutants while you were an  
undergraduate (≤ 1939?)  
That jives ~~is~~ a bit with the account  
that this happened after they were  
scorped by Butenandt; and that  
using nutritional mutants was an  
illumination from Ed's course in  
Jan/Feb 1941.

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To:

anything you can send me  
that could sharpen the history  
of the quest for a better organism  
would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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