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Dear Beets -

I have not heard further from you about getting started on the piece on Ed Tatum for the APS. Was my suggestion - that you do the first rough draft - not agreeable? If not, let me know and perhaps we can exchange roles.

On a connected subject, can you straighten out a puzzling comment by Bill Mac Etroy. He seems to recall seeing *Neurospora* in your lab in the summer of 1940, which just doesn't jibe with any other account. Is he conflating different events, as I suspect?

Or had you looked at *Neurospora* in some other context before deciding to use it for nutritional - biochemical mutants in early 1941?

These historic details are becoming quite elusive.

Sincerely,

Joshua.