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Dear Josh:

It was a real pleasure to hear from you, and I assume all is going well in California.

I am delighted to learn that you are preparing a biographical sketch of Edward Tatum, and I wish that I could be of real help.

You will recall the early days when Dr. Tatum and Marvin Johnson worked in the Bacteriology laboratories with Pete and myself. They were a most unusual pair of individuals -- totally different in their personalities. I need not go into detail, because I am sure your memories of the early days are much better than mine.

Enclosed is a copy of the statement which was presented by Dr. Jewel Cobb on behalf of the National Science Board at the memorial service for Dr. Tatum.

Also enclosed is a copy of the statement which was presented at the time Dr. Tatum received the honorary degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1964.

At the time of Dr. Tatum's death, the local papers carried only a small item. Since I felt that there should be been more "RECOGNITION" given to his loss, I prepared a statement which was sent to both of our local papers, and which resulted in some additional "coverage" by the local press. A copy of that statement is also included for your information.

During the time I served as an "Elector" for the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, Dr. Tatum (together with others) supported the nomination of Dr. William Henry Welch to the Hall of Fame. A copy of that correspondence is also enclosed.

I am sure you know all about his sharing the Nobel Prize with you and Dr. George Beadle.

If there is any other way I am able to help, please let me know. With kindest regards and best wishes,

Cordially,

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