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Dear Dr. Taubeneck:

I should have acknowledged your letter of March 12 long ago and I offer my apologies.

The glass matrices did arrive, but I fear you were too optimistic about the delicacy of the international postal service and they were badly smashed. However, I could retrieve some of the marked areas of glass and these suffice to demonstrate the utility of your technique. I hope you will keep me in touch with further technical developments. Can you give me the commercial description of the matrices so I can get a further supply through trade channels?

We have not done anything further with L forms for the past several months, owing to interest in other research, but we may return to some aspects soon.

I will be a co-chairman at Stockholm (with Ismenecki) of the sections on microbial genetics, and hope to be able to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

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