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IN REPLY REFER TO MEDEC-ZIRP

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Dear Joshua,

I have just read the letter you sent to Tom Courtenay and I may possibly be able to clear up the situation.

On my return from Cold Spring Harbor, I had these cultures sent to you along with a letter which I assumed was to be enclosed with the cultures.

In the enclosed letter, I mentioned that I was unable to obtain any further information as to the history of the Para B cultures N 25 and N 97 as you requested. I did manage to convey your message to Dr. Weed and I suspect that he has sent you the materials you wished. As to the cultures D 139 and D 1909/52, these are supposedly E. coli strains which contain the IX somatic factor. D 139 was isolated by Van Oge in the Belgian Congo from a patient with a typhoid-like syndrome (Ref. Ann. Instit. Past. 8, pg. 684, December, 1951). D/1909/52 was isolated by Vandepitte in the Belgian Congo and also reacts in IX serum. I had the impression that you said you might be interested in examining these cultures when I last saw you.

In any case, I would like to say that I certainly appreciated your kind hospitality during my visit to your laboratory.

Please give my best regards to your wife and to Boris Rotman whom I understand is now at Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,

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