

Dec. 18, 1947.

Dear Francis,

Your very welcome, newsy letter just arrived. I'll write you a more thorough answer after I talk with Dave at Chicago. Meanwhile, I wonder if you could "brief" him on some things you mentioned in your letter which were just ~~more~~ informative ~~enough~~ to be tantalizing:

a. "inheritance" of asparagine adaptation. Are you finally doing crosses with coli? My observations were simply that a loopful inoculum came up as quickly on a glucose-malate medium as it did on a glucose-asparagine medium. No further investigation here planned.

b. By your enquiry about promising young chemists do you have in mind a job possibility. If so, can you tell me something about it so that I can scout around re same?

c. If Nelson's paper has any data in it, could I have a look at it. Perhaps Perk would take it with him and I could look at it in Chi.

More next year.

Best regards, Merry Christmas, and a good year .

Sincerely,

Joshua.