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Dear Francis,

I know you must be very busy this time of year, but I wonder whether you could take time out to write a formal but informative letter of recommendation for Mr. Zinder. I have to have such letters to support any recommendations I make to the Graduate Office, which has the final veto.

Have you tried that TZ yet? I've found it to be a very useful pH indicator, to take the place of EMB in looking for fermentative mutants. While the reaction is a reduction to an insoluble red pigment (which is by the way fat soluble accordg to Van Poëter), it is pH sensitive and occurs only near neutrality. I'm writing a note to suggest its application to the primary isolation of lactose-negative enteric pathogens. Have you heard Guthrie's story yet?

Sincerely, & best regards