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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I, of course, read with interest your recent paper on the adaptive enzyme forming protoplasts from K_{12} .

I wonder if you have tried inducing the protoplasts with ultraviolet for lambda formation? If you have and were unsuccessful, I would be saved a lot of time.

Thank you for the two slants which arrived.

Has anything developed on the histidineless mutants?

I am sorry that my young lady associate, Miss Rockenbach, decided—despite my urgings—to go to Vermont. The skiing, of all things, was the deciding factor!

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Borek

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