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Dr. F. M. Brown,  
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Dear Dr. Brown,

"Mendelism among bacteria?", which appeared in Science, 69: 198-200, (1929), came to my attention some time ago, and is the basis of this letter. As you may know, I have been conducting somewhat similar experiments with *Escherichia coli*, and am enclosing a reprint of a recent publication.

I have not been able to find any further references to your work in bacterial genetics, but note that you have included this subject in your biography in Amer. Men of Science. I would appreciate it if you could direct me to any further publications which may have appeared on the genetics or on the taxonomic identification of *Bacillus lutzii*, or if you could give me any relevant unpublished information, especially on the details of cultural techniques with *B. lutzii*. I wonder if you could also be in a position to send me a subculture of the organism, or refer me to a convenient source.

I will be very grateful for any help you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of Genetics.