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Dear Dr. Tatum:

Thanks very much for your letter of May 12 concerning possible candidates for the position in genetics of microorganisms here. Your letter of May 24 has come to hand, also, together with reprints and typescript of papers by Lederberg. I shall read these reprints with interest.

Our personnel problem has become more complicated since I first wrote you. Ray D. Owen, who is on leave on a Gessney Fellowship at Cal Tech this year, has accepted an associate professorship on the staff there. Owen had been in charge of our elementary teaching, and his going creates a gap in our ranks which we must fill by fall if at all possible. It is still our intention, however, to seek a man in the field of microorganisms.

I am leaving today to plant some nurseries in the vicinity of Green Bay. If we have a fair break on the weather, I should be back during the latter half of the week. I hope at that time to study the material which you have forwarded relative to Lederberg.

Sincerely yours,

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