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Personal memo from  
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To:  
"46 years back: to 1946"

Dear friend:

I am circularizing this to a number of my colleagues who attended the 1946 Cold Spring Harbor Symposium. This is part of preparation of an autobiographical study: in particular my first announcement of E. coli recombination in July at that meeting. (I don't have the precise date of my presentation!)

Unfortunately I have almost no documentation apart from the published symposium, and I am writing to you for any notes, program, agenda or recollections you may have -- particularly about my presentation. I do recall an extended debate with Delbruck, Lwoff, and perhaps others -- but few details.

I would be most grateful to you for any detail you can furnish. Please forgive me if I have taxed you with this before.

N.B. I am back in the lab now: see enclosure.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: SEP page;  
(P4) Lederberg J., Tatum E.L.  
Novel genotypes in mixed cultures of biochemical mutants of bacteria  
Cold Spring Harbor Symp. Quant. Biol. 11: 113-114. (1946)

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Please use the attached note to let me know if you would like a  
copy of P268, P269:

P268. Lederberg, J. Edward Lawrie Tatum. Biographical Memoirs,  
National Academy of Sciences. 59: 357-386 (1990).

P269. Lederberg, J. Genetic Recombination in Bacteria: A Discovery  
Account. Ann. Rev. Genet. 21:23-46 (1987)

card: (cross out what's not applicable)

Please send me:

- #268
- #269

- I do (do not) have some material responding to your inquiry.  
Details to follow.