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Dear Erwin:

Your letter of the 23d followed me back to Madison, (I had been at Woods Hole). I am enclosing an ms. on the use of penicillin for producing protoplasts. Norton Zinder has found the ways of using lysozyme on E. coli— you might wish to contact him at the Rockefeller Institute. We are both interested in the possibility of using protoplasts as sources and recipients of genetic fragments in transduction experiments. If you learn any tricks on the preparation of DNA or DNA-protein with these materials, I would be much obliged to hear about them.

I am also sending some other reprints; could I pry some loose from you?

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics

