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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Please accept my grateful thanks for the reprint of your paper "Cell genetics and hereditary symbiosis" and two other reprints which I received yesterday. After the first reading I admire your thorough review and your views will be of the greatest value for my further investigations.

As you may have seen from my paper I have only done the first steps in the new field of the genetics of Bilicidae. This paper contains also my findings till the winter 1952/53. In the meantime I could get some more new incompatible strains so that I have now at least five, perhaps six groups of types as regards the crossability in culture. A second paper on these findings has gone to press and I will send a reprint as soon as possible. I would appreciate it very much if you would put my name also on your mailing list.

Sincerely yours

H. Laven.