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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Joshua:

We are sending you today a batch of about 30 vials with lysates of various mutants. Another shipment will be made within the next few days, as soon as we receive a new supply of small vials.

I assume that the symbols we use are not different from yours, and that you won't have any trouble in identifying the material. However, I will just outline in a few words our procedure. A mutant is given a name according to the effect it shows: for example, proline, histidine, cystine, and so on. As a symbol we use the abbreviation of the name. Similar mutants of independent origin receive numbers, in the order in which they were found. Finally, a capital letter is assigned after the mutant has been placed in a group (after the locus has been determined). Thus the complete symbols for some cystineless mutants are as follows: cysA-1, cysA-20, cysB-10, cysB-15, cysC-7, cysC-36, etc.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



M. Demerec

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