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Dear Dr. Dienes:

Thank you for the *S. montevideo* Skinner, and instructions for handling L-forms. Unfortunately, these materials arrived only just before my departure on a trip from which I have just returned (consisting mostly of a visit at P.R. Edwards' laboratory), and I was unable to attend to them. I was obliged to put the sealed tube in the refrigerator. Do you think it would be profitable to work this over after so long a delay? Or would it be excessively troublesome for me to ask for a repeated shipment?

I notice that you had substituted the Skinner strain in place of *S. typhimurium*, which we had previously discussed. It would be desirable, if possible, to have L-form cultures from *typhimurium* as well as *montevideo*.

I trust you will have received the pleiomorphic *E. coli* 204 (W-1637). Have you had an opportunity to examine it?

With my apologies for having been unable to make immediate use of your first shipment,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg