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Dear Dr. Dubnoff:

In response to your request of the 19th, I can furnish only the very limited sample of ONPG that is attached to this letter. As you know, the compound is not yet commercially available. If you do have occasion to synthesize a larger batch, I would even appreciate the exchange of a similar sample.

By "activation" do you refer to the effect of benzene and other lytic agents that I mentioned in my 1951 paper? If so, you will probably be interested to communicate with Dr. Boris Rotman at the Enzyme Institute here, for he has been studying this problem for the last several months.

Please let me know if I can be of any further service.

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Professor of Genetics

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