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Dear Gots:

Thanks for your word on the lysogenicity of *E. coli* B. I shall be interested and amused to hear how this turns out.

We don't pick up very many purineless mutants, and most of our recent mutant hunts have been in *Salmonella*, which I suppose you will not care too much for. I am sure that you can get W-1926 (the diaminopurine-responding strain) from Guthrie; I don't happen to have it in open stock, and would prefer to conserve the lyophil tubes for the present, if this is not inconvenient for you. W-1926 is from a different line of *E. coli* than K-12.

I am trying to round up a few mutants we do have in K-12 to send to Seymour Cohen in a couple of weeks. It would be a convenience to me if you could pick up copies of them directly from him.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. Dave Bonner may have some other purineless in K-12.

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