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Dear Josh,

at the A.A.S. meeting in Philadelphia, 26-31 Dec. 1950 I am going to present a paper on "Mechanism of Recombination as in Bacteria and Viruses." (50 minutes talk). I am planning to tell the whole story of how recombination was discovered in bacteria and phage, and for this I need from you all possible details regarding your work. Everything anecdotic would be of very useful for this purpose. For instance what people in your lab thought about the idea; how long did it take to arrive to see the first prototroph on the plate, how was the discovery announced. For phage I have plenty of information but for bacteria I depend entirely on you. I don't need to mention that all the information you give me, could have been obtained from anybody else. Anyhow you will see the manuscript before it is presented. I think this will be the best way of keeping people

awake for such a long time -  
Thank you. Let me know what you  
think about it as soon as you can.  
Best regards to Esther, yours sincerely  
Nico.