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January 23, 1952

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

We have a request for a lysogenic strain of Escherichia coli. Dr. Wyckoff, of National Institutes of Health, suggests that you were credited by Dr. Luria at one time as the source of a strain of this type with which he worked. If you are still carrying it, may we have the favor of receiving a transplant? Can you maintain a phage-carrying strain by your silica-gel method of preservation? I have been trying to line up a research project on this method of preserving cultures, and get a small grant to support it, since it would require extra assistance, and am hopeful that we can soon test it on a representative range of cultures.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely yours

*Freeman A. Weiss*

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