

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
BOTANY, BACTERIOLOGY AND  
PLANT PATHOLOGY

March 29, 1954

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
PLANT PATHOLOGY

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
Department of Genetics  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

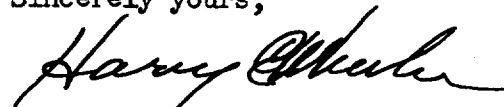
Thanks for the reprints and also for your comments on the manuscript.  
The points which you raised are well taken.

In my reference to Lilly and Barnett on "mutualistic symbiosis," I did not intend to imply that they were the first or only investigators to report this phenomenon. I quoted them merely because I thought that their work was familiar to most of the people for whom the talk was intended.

I agree that the concept presented could have been documented much more completely. I avoided doing so deliberately because the time allotted for the oral presentation did not permit it and I have listened to too many talks given in a symposium which, when published, bore only the faintest resemblance to the original material.

I note that you are scheduled to talk at the forthcoming Biology Research Conference at Oak Ridge. I plan to attend, so perhaps I will see you there. I have followed your work on sexuality in the bacteria with great interest.

Sincerely yours,



H. E. Wheeler  
Assoc. Prof. of Botany

HEW/mb