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Dear Joshua,

Sorry for writing in long-hand, but I have just arrived and am not yet organized here.

I am enclosing the draft of your MS for Methods in Medical Research. I think you have just about hit the right level of detail in most places. I have written in a few changes, simply to suggest the type of wording which would make it clearer reading. My main suggestions are the following ones:

1. Please put the material in uniform form thru the MS. For example, ~~the~~ practically every procedure can be divided into: Introduction, Procedure, Modifications or Evaluation.... The main divisions are two: Isolation and Characterization, and Hybridization. Within the first, there are 7 items, or procedures, each with its own title. Each of these <sup>can</sup> have subtitles as needed (Procedure, Evaluation, etc.).
2. Please give all references alphabetically, numbered from 1 on, and refer in text by number only. References where the whole procedure is described can best be given after the title of the procedure. (I indicated references as + or \*.)
3. Please clarify or omit several strictly general statements (f. ex., page 2, end; page 16). The "Marginal enrichment" technique can be made clear by expanding a little -  
<sup>some of</sup>
4. The information in tables 2 and 3 is not correlated with ~~any~~ text material (as f. ex. the concentration of vitamins to use).
5. I think that a brief section (within the first part) concerning isolation of effective from defective mutants (spontaneous or reversions) could be added, with

a statement concerning the complications due to  
subvisible growth in minimal medium.

I went into such ~~an extent~~ <sup>a detail</sup> with suggestions,  
even knowing that you had only given me a  
first draft, in order to simplify the work. If  
possible, conform in the final draft to editor's  
recommendations:

1) Reference form (Author, title, vol: page,  
issue, year).

2) 6 1/2 inches long lines, if possible.

3) Tables in separate pages.

If you can, send me 2 copies of the final draft.  
Thank you very much.

When we divide the editorial money, there may  
be enough for a beer party for everyone.

Yours,  
Luria

Do you think references to the various papers concerned  
on specific metabolic pathways would be useful (p. 8)?  
Maybe it would overburden the reference list.