

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS
COLD SPRING HARBOR, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

February 14, 1950

DR. Joshua Lederberg
Department of Genetics
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Joshua,

I think the following compounds, in addition to methyl green, will suit your mysterious purposes: basic fuchsin, mercuric chloride, silver nitrate, sodium hydroxide and sulfuric acid. These are all highly toxic, and clearly nonmutagenic within the limits of the phage and streptomycin methods of detection. There are lots of others that are nonmutagenic but not very toxic -- I assume you don't care about these.

I'm anxious to get your note -- my curiosity is roused.

Best regards to Esther --

Sincerely,
Evelyn
Evelyn Witkin