

July 2, 1948.

Dr. J. C. Woodruff,  
Director, Microbiological Research,  
Merck and Co., Inc.  
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Dear Dr. Woodruff,

We are trying to locate some 5-methyltryptophane for use in some experiments on the inhibition of enzyme formation in *E. coli*. 100 - 200 mg. would suffice. We were referred, rather vaguely, to Merck. Do you have this compound for sale, or would the quantity mentioned be otherwise available for experimental use? If not, can you refer us to another source?

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Professor of Genetics.