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Dear Josh:

You may remember while we were visiting at San Francisco that I mentioned that I did not have crossing strains of K-12 and that I might trouble you to obtain some some time in the future. A couple of the graduate students here would like to use K-12 for some of their work so if you would be kind enough to send some crossing stocks of K-12, I would greatly appreciate it. I have no particular strains in mind, but it would seem that W-1177 and 58-161 would be suitable. It might also be desirable to receive one of the segregating diploids such as H-226 if you have some of them readily available.

Things are going relatively slowly here: Dr. Sherman has been out of the office for roughly a month, but is coming along pretty well now. The wife's father is very ill, which kind of ruined our holiday season, but the little girl makes up for a lot of this. I had a nice visit with Irwin at Boston and had hoped to see you there.

Many thanks for the stocks, and please greet Esther for me.

Very truly yours,

*M. R. Zelle*

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Professor of  
Bacteriology

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*Send stocks which are most convenient for you. I feel guilty at troubling you and you must get awfully tired of receiving K12 to all corners of the world.*  
*M. R. Zelle*