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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr Lederberg,

The Royal Society has asked for something about antibiotics to be included among the exhibits at a *Conversazione* to be held in connection with its Tercentenary celebrations. We thought that it might be possible to illustrate, among other things, the action of penicillin on cell wall synthesis. In addition to several photographs we felt that it might be worthwhile to reproduce the drawing illustrating the transformation of a bacterial rod to a spheroplast which appears in your paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, September 1956. Would you mind if we were to reproduce this on a larger scale? We should be grateful if you would give us permission to do so.

We are not sure that we have rightly interpreted the significance of the light and dark portion of your protoplast as drawn. Does this represent a difference in shading which you observed under dark phase contrast?

Yours sincerely,

*E. P. Abraham*

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