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Dr. J. Lederberg,  
Department of Genetics,  
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Madison,  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

In a paper entitled Genetic exchange in Salmonella submitted by you and Dr. Norton D. Zinder to the Journal of Bacteriology for publication on April 18, 1952, you describe "a U tube with an ultra-fine sintered pyrex filter partition.. .. prepared according to Davis's (1950b) design." I referred to Davis's 1950 paper. He describes "a U tube 25 mm. in diameter partitioned by an 'ultra-fine' fritted disc (Corning)." The latest 'Corning' catalogue does not describe such a piece of apparatus, so I presume you had these tubes custom made; or, less probably, Corning has discontinued this line.

I am extremely interested in using such a U tube in work on metabolism of certain pathogenic fungi. Would it be possible for you to send me a description of how you obtained these tubes and at what cost. I would be most grateful.

Yours very truly,

*Edith Common*

Edith Common.  
Research Assistant,  
Mycology Division.

*Common sold the fritted dish. I really do not think this is a very satisfactory method, compared e.g. with the use of membrane filters. However, Mr. Norman Erway, Oregon, Wisconsin, will probably be glad to accept your order. He is a very competent glassblower.*

*J-Z*