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Dear Josh:

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In all of the excitement of my visit to Stanford, I forgot to ask you if I may have the strain of B. subtilis used by you for transformation. We have been carrying out experiments in which we tried to transform animal cells with nucleic acid derived from immunized animals. Our results have been plus-minus for some time, making us continue in a tantalizing fashion. Since somebody in Germany is supposed to have put vaccinia virus into subtilis, I am encouraged to try to transform subtilis with animal nucleic acid.

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I would appreciate it if I could have the strain as well as a collection of your reprints on the transformation so that I may choose the best conditions. I know that this is a swift pain to send out strains but I really have kept my requests to a minimum.

It was very nice seeing you last week, and we hope to arrange for you to spend some time here with us.

Best,

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Mel