March 13, 1948.

Dr. C. M. McCloskey, Department of Organic Chemistry, State University of Iowa, Iowa City,

Dear Dr. McCloskey,

I found your 1945 paper in Proc. Soc., "Utilization of certain rare sugars by microorganisms" of considerable interest, because we are engaged here in a study of the specificity and genetics of fermentative mutations in E. coli. I wonder whether you have sufficient supplies of the following to permit you to send samples for investigation. Minimum 200 mg., we could use profitably at least ab gram of any compaund. The substrates in which I would be particularly interested include: b.b (iso-) trehalose, tagatose, turanose, neolactose, and 4-b-d-glucosyl-d-mannoségé. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Assistant Professor of Genetics.