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Mr. Joshua Lederberg  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Lederberg:

I have your request contained in your letter of August 9th and as soon as my secretary returns around about September first, we shall be glad to send you copies of whatever reprints I have left that bear on the problem of bacterial reproduction and bacterial variability. It will not be as full a set as I sent to Dr. Tatum inasmuch as our supply through the years has gradually become exhausted. This pertains particularly to the bound monograph dealing with the subject of Microbic Heredity. I am sorry about this because a person interested in the subject as vitally as you are would find it convenient to have material right by his elbow.

However, I know you will be able to use those that I sent Dr. Tatum as long as you are with him, and you will have the bibliography which is the next best thing. I shall be very interested in following the results of your very dramatic experiments and I trust you will remember me when your own reprints come to hand.

Tell Dr. Tatum that I shall be happy to take my first opportunity to visit his new laboratory in Yale.

With kindest personal regards to both of you, I  
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph K. Mellon".

Ralph K. Mellon, M. D.