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Dear Joshua and Esther:

I have been reading your reprint on Cellular Mechanisms in Differentiation and Growth with the greatest interest. May I have another copy for graduate student use in the preparation for prelims?

In connection with your discussion of the closer resemblance of K-12 progeny to the F parent, is it not now possible to be a little more explicit? I think there is pretty good cytological evidence for the existence of more than one set of linked genes (chromosome) per nucleus, at least in B. megaterium and E. coli. Is it not possible to suppose that only one chromosome passes from the Hfr to the F conjugant?

I was indeed happy to learn from conversation with Dr. Erdman that your father and mother are now able to make out at home, although I am sorry to understand that your father cannot resume his professional duties.

Cordially yours,

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