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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your letter and my congratulations on the successful outcome of your work with the Salmonella. I am somewhat consoled to learn that the premise in back of our work on Cholera-suis and poons was correct and frank to admit that we were not successful in uncovering the conditions necessary for the observed recombinations between these organisms, if we actually got them at all.

As you know we abandoned this work several years ago and I have become so envolved in other types of research activity that it is unlikely I shall reinvestigate this problem. I am still interested, at least academically, in the field and hope you will send me reprints of your work when they are available.

Sincerely yours,

S.C.Rittenberg