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Dear Sol:

Esther and I really are much indebted to the Illinois group for its gracious performance Saturday. I hope you pass this thanks on to Gunny and Lu in particular.

I gave your manipulator over to Gunny Saturday night, and hope that he and it will have arrived safely in Urbana. Thank you very much for the loan of it. Although we could not make much use of the receiver end, owing to the misalignment, we had some trouble for a while with the pumps on the controller, and it was helpful to have a spare.

May I use the occasion to remind you about sending me a lysozyme-susceptible *B. megaterium*? I have been playing around myself a bit with a protoplast-like system in *E. coli*, and would like the real McCoy for comparison. I'll let you know more about this very shortly when some ambiguities are cleared up. My interest in this is only the hope of encouraging a DNA-mediated transduction in *E. coli*, against which the rigid wall is possibly one of several barriers. I hope you have not been neglecting the opportunity to try the same thing with *megaterium*: I forgot to ask you about that.

Yours sincerely,

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