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Dear Gunther,

Calvin Ward told me the other day that he had once had a lecture or seminar from you concerning theoretical predictions about the maximum possible rate of growth of bacteria. If you can give me any detail or references on this subject, I would appreciate it very much.

Besides the theoretical side of this question I am also interested in finding empirical studies on maximum achievable growth rates. Some of the numbers that are recorded in the literature are incredible and in fact probably false but I would be interested to know what your own perspective on that is. I believe I heard that Vielmetter may have done some work that bears on this question.

Yours with best wishes,

JL/rr