## CUESTIONNAIRE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECTION ON GENETICS WITHIN THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The following questionnaire was mailed, with a minimum of comment:

A. Would you favor the formation of a Genetics Section in the N.A.S.?

○ No Oundecided or indifferent

If such a section were formed would you be inclined to joining it yourself?

Undecided or indifferent Yes ○ No

The questionnaires were mailed to the members of sections 7, 8, and 14 (Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry)

Summary of returns: (Yes = 2, No = 1, Undecided etc = 0).

Section	Members	Returns	22	21	20	12	11	10	02	01	00	$\mathcal{B}$			A		
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7	41	37	4	6	2	0	10	4	4	4	3	20	8	9	14	12	11
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14	45	41	1	21	5	0	4	0	0	10	0	35	1	5	4	27	10
Sum	139	119	14	35	9	0	22	7	7	20	5	77	21	21	29	58	32

Question A: 29:58:32 in percent 24:49:27 no, yes,?

Conclusion: Opinion in sections 7 and 8 is almost evenly divided on the desirability of a new section on genetics. Section 14, which may be less vitally interested, favors it strongly but would lose only I number to it. However, 21 members would themselves join such a section if it existed, and some of the undecided group might also. Perhaps most important were many verbal comments that the present organization was not satisfactory, and that better means than further splintering are needed to the together basic interests in experimental biology.