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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

You no doubt recall the discussions that were held last year concerning the proposed Microbial Genetics Bulletin, and you may have wondered what has become of it. The Bulletin has been slow in getting started, primarily because of minor disagreements as to scope and policy among those involved.

It seems to me that we will never get started if we wait for unanimity on all issues. I have therefore taken it upon myself to get out the first issue, in line with the program acceptable to most of the people consulted, if it is agreeable to the group. The idea is to get the first issue out before Christmas, and to take advantage of the AAAS meetings to hold a short conference in New York, where the future development of the Bulletin can be discussed. The first issue will contain a foreword outlining the proposed purpose and scope of the Bulletin, and will include items representative of the kind of thing we have in mind. It will also include a questionnaire allowing the reader to express himself and make suggestions, and it will announce the date and place of the conference in New York.

I am writing to you as one of those involved in the inception of the Bulletin, to ask whether you approve of this plan, and if so, if you will cooperate by contributing one or more items to the first issue. I hope you will agree to do so, and to get your contribution to me by December 5, so that the issue can be mailed out well before Christmas.

I am enclosing a list of categories of material to be included. This list is based upon discussions held last year, and is subject to modification. I hope you will submit one or more items in one or more categories for the first issue. I am also enclosing a tentative mailing list for the first issue, and I hope you will let me know if there are any names omitted that you would like to have added.

I would like to remind you of two points of policy upon which most of us agreed last year: 1) that for the present the Bulletin will be concerned primarily with work in bacterial genetics.

but that items concerning phage, Neurospora, etc. will also be accepted if of interest to bacterial geneticists (hence the inclusion of some nonbacterial investigators on the mailing list); 2) that items appearing in MGB are to be considered as personal communications, and are to be quoted only with the express permission of the authors.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I would be glad to have any comments, particularly on the matter of the first issue, and would appreciate your letting me know if you will be in New York during the meetings, and able to attend an MGB conference.

Sincerely,



Evelyn M. Witkin

Enclosure

Greetings, Joshua - Finally got started
on this project. Will you be in N.Y. comes?

Categories of Material for Microbial Genetics Bulletin

- 1) Brief notes on work in progress on the prepublication level
- 2) Brief notes on minor observations and techniques, not scheduled for publication, that might be of interest to other workers
- 3) Suggestions concerning nomenclature, with a view to unification
- 4) Listing of available mutant stocks
- 5) Requests for stocks or information
- 6) Announcements of meetings, talks, visits, etc.
- 7) Personal items (gossip)
- 8) Directory of participants

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