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Dear Dr. Wigner:

I recall very well our meeting last year, but as I remember the main topic of our conversation concerned the taxonomic problems of defining bacteria. I remember also that we discussed aging, but I believe that I had not previously heard of the article to which you refer, unless perhaps Szilard had mentioned it. I regret that I am still unable to indicate where this reference may be found. However, may I make two suggestions which might put you on the right track. Firstly, you have in Dr. K. C. Cooper, in the Dept. of Biology, a man on your own campus whos probably is better informed on such subjects than I am, and who would, I am sure be glad to discuss the problem with you. Secondly, the only worker in St. Louis of whose interest in aging I am aware is E. V. Cowdry, who edited a compilation some years ago entitled "Problems of Aging". This book can probably be found in most medical or biology libraries and may contain information relevant to your problem. Since, I believe, Szilard or Novick had also mentioned the matter, they might be in a favorable position to give you a better reference. Dr. Robert Boche, at the Institute of Radiobiology also, is working ~~working~~ on aging effects of radiations, and can probably be very helpful too.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more direct assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg