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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Department of Genetics University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Doctor Lederberg:

I like to thank you first of all for the reprint of your article in Genetics of 1947 which you sent to me last year upon my request. I have read it with great interest as well as your last publication in Proceedings of this year.

I am working at present in the field of amino acid metabolism and use bacteria for some of this work, although most of the research is in biochemistry. For this reason I would like to perform some experiments with amino acid—less mutants of Escherichia coli.

Your papers indicate that you have several of these amino acidless strains, and I wonder if you would be so kind and send me subcultures of some of these together with the parent "wild strain" K 12.

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me these cultures and like to thank you in advance for all the inconveniences this may cause you.

Very sincerely yours,

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