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Interview: WW

Excerpt from WW's diary note on visit 1/19/48 at University of Wisconsin.

Later in the afternoon, WW goes to the Genetics Department, in Agriculture, and talks with Alec Brink and Joshua Lederberg.

L's first impression is not startlingly good. He is a little fat and somewhat sleepy and sloppy looking. But the minute he starts to talk, you forget all this. He speaks very well indeed - clearly, modestly, but very forcefully.

He had done two years of medical training at Columbia before he went to Yale and tried, on an initially tentative basis whether he would not prefer biochemical genetics. His work with Tatum on sexual reproduction of bacteria is already well-known. He has blocked out a definite, and most intriguing, program for himself at Wisconsin. It is well covered by Brink's letter to WW of December 4, 1947; and by the memo which L. hands to WW. This seems an absolutely first-rate bet for an exploratory grant in aid. The University has already put more than \$8000 into rebuilding and equipping a 16'x40' laboratory for L.

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This request is of
Trustee magnitude
(\$9,900).
Does WW wish to
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give a size?
Thank you for letting
me see it.
Yes -
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