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Dear Joshua:

Forgive me for delaying so long in answering your inquiry regarding Ed Tatum's work in Kögl's laboratory. Unfortunately, I have little to add to what you no doubt already know, namely Kögl had become famous for his success in isolating several biologically potent natural products (auxins, biotin, muscarine) in pure form and then being able to carry out considerable chemical characterization work on quantities of the pure products which at that time were too small for most investigators to handle. That was mainly why I went there, and I would guess Ed did too. I did not have much direct interaction from Kögl himself but did learn quite a lot along the above lines from several people in his lab, eg. Hanni Erxleben, Arie Haagen-Smit, Pam vander Laan, and others. Probably Ed did likewise, but I do not know this definitely as my stay there did not overlap his, and I had practically no contact with him after he returned to the States.

If you want to take the trouble, I think your best source of information would be someone of Kögl's students who was still in the lab while Ed was there. The only one of these with whom I have kept somewhat in contact is P. J. vander Laan who the last I knew (ca 10 years ago), I believe^{was} director of research at the Federal Fermentation Corp. in Den Haag. This is a pretty long shot and quite possibly not worth the effort. Another person who might help is Dr. William Berends, Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of Delft, Holland.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely yours,



Frank Strong

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