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Dear Seymour:

As you probably know from having talked to Ruth Ben-Ishai, we have been quite actively concerned with nucleic acid metabolism, in so far as induced enzyme synthesis is concerned. You can imagine that I read, with great interest, your recent note from the Federation Proceedings which you sent to me.

We have been studying a variety of purine and pyrimidine mutants with respect to the same characteristics. You indicated to Ruth that you would not mind if we studied the thymineless of strain. I would deeply appreciate it if you would send me a culture of this 15T- strain. Luria had the strain, but apparently it has virtually completely reverted.

I hope I get the opportunity on my next trip East to see you. We have some data which I think you will find of some interest. With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

S. Spiegelman
Professor of Bacteriology

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