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Dear Francis:

In dictating a letter to Sydney, I found that I had made an omission in describing the composition of the induction medium contained in my letter to you. To the components listed, add 0.1M KCl.

I might as well take this opportunity to ask a question which has been bothering me. I recall late one evening sipping cognac and listening to your arguments on the "commaless code." I was under the impression that I understood it thoroughly and could forge all the links when necessary. I discovered, however, recently in trying to reproduce it that I can't. Presumably if I had to I probably could, but it would be so much easier if you would just jot down the argument for me, or perhaps you have by now committed it to the semi-permanence of the privately mimeographed communication.

Sincerely yours,

S. Spiegelman
Professor of Bacteriology

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