

July 10, 1951.

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Dear Bisset:

Miss Lively and I are happy to send you the photographs (enclosed) that you requested. I must apologize for the delay in my reply, but I am afraid that you reached home before we did. These photographs are to be incorporated in the forthcoming Symposium volume, which will be copyrighted, but I am sure you will have no difficulty in securing permission from the proprietor to reproduce them should the occasion arise.

As to the second paragraph of your letter, I really don't understand your query: "Are you agreeable to my quoting these observations as suggesting, and so forth...." If you mean that you would like to put forward such an interpretation yourself, you hardly need ask my acquiescence. On the other hand, if you are enquiring as to my own views on the matter, I should have to say first that we have not yet come to any definite conclusions on the nuclear structure of *E. coli*, and are particularly gratified that we had not in view of d\_L's suggestions, which we are exploring with what I hope is an open mind. However, I think that the assertion that the haploids and diploids are [ // // ] and [//// ////] respectively is rather difficult to justify, at least with our preparations. The diploids, particularly, do not seem to be easily fitted to this scheme, although that they do show a greater complexity in the structure of the individual aggregates is indisputable.

I was sorry to find that our best snapshots of Bisset and Lindgren were among those which were malevolently light-struck. However, we have a number of others which we hope to get around to enlarging properly, and to send out.

The meetings were, if anything, too stimulating, though primarily in technical fields of genetics having little to do with microorganisms. If this letter has a weary mien, it can be put to a long delayed recuperation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,