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Dear Lederberg

I refuse to believe in your bacterial genetics (and therefore also refuse to take an interest in details of the type you mention) as long as the kinetics of the postulated mating reaction have not been worked out. After our discussion last summer I thought you were going to do the obvious experiments to clear this up.*

Sincerely yours

M. Delbrück

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Butantage Max.

* T.C. Nelson did do that with boring results. Unfortunately not the "interrupted mating" business that Jacob & Wollman did later.