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My dear Lederberg,

Here is a rough draft of what I want to say at C.S.H. though how I am actually going to say it is a difficult problem. Pages 1-4 are a re-statement of the old story but page 5 onwards is largely concerned with new work and ideas. I gather from Jim Watson that he has sent you a typescript of our joint paper to the Proc.Nat.Acad.Sci. I do'nt know what you think of this. The idea was entirely Watson's; I just did a bit of extra bench work. But I think it makes things fit a bit better. What should interest you is the very recent findings on Hfr though you may not agree with my very tentative conclusions. I am sorry not to have let you know about this before but in fact it is less than a month since I got it straightened out and I have been very busy, so I thought this draft would fill the bill. I am not nearly so convinced as I was about the "vector" theory and hope to present both sides of the case more impartially at C.S.H. I will also omit the antiserum experiments altogether unless I have time to substantiate the results. I have been having a look at F+, F- & Hfr strains with an electron microscope but did'nt find anything definite, but I think this approach might prove useful if one had plenty of time to spare. I will shortly send you something in a much lighter vein by C.H.Andrews (the 'flu chap), all about that poor representative of E.coli, Plato the Pure who lost his reputation because of the machinations of a horrible little agent called Percy the Pimp who took to dressing up in blue genes. If you are a devotee of Damon Runyon it may amuse you.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Please give my regards to Anderson if he is with you.

*Bill Hayes*