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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Germ-free Animal Research Unit

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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I agree that it would be most desirable to publish our notes together; in fact, Strominger suggested this when I discussed your letter with him. If our manuscript were acceptable to the editor of the Journal of Bacteriology, I'm quite certain we would be very glad to have it published with yours. However, ours is several times the length permitted for a note in J. Bact. and we feel it is more suitable for Science. The draft I have sent to Strominger contains no experimental detail and is largely an interpretation of published data in the light of our own analytical results. We plan an experimental paper to follow.

Under the circumstances, since I feel it will require at least 1400 words to touch upon the points we want to discuss, it may only be possible for you to refer to Park and Strominger if you wish, and we would want to refer to Lederberg possibly in a footnote but preferably in the text.

Hope to see you on the 19th at which time I should have a copy of the manuscript for you and we can discuss the situation.

Sincerely,

*Led*

James T. Park

*I'm not so sure that accumulating the UDP's is quite as simple as keeping them in the bag so to speak. I am certainly interested in how a protoplast disposes of the useless UDP's and how it makes walls. I will write Marv soon since we have not had a chance to talk.*