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Dear Josh,

at the A.A.A.S. meeting in Philadelphia, 26-31 Dec. 1950 I am going to present a paper on "Mechanism of Recombination ~~as~~ in Bacteria and Viruses." (50 minutes talk). I am planning to tell the whole story of how recombination was discovered in bacteria and phage, and for this I need from you all possible details regarding your work. Everything anecdotic would be of very useful for this purpose. For instance what people in your lab thought about the idea, how long did it take to arrive to see the first prototroph on the plate, how was the discovery announced. For phage I have plenty of information but for bacteria I depend entirely on you. I don't need to mention that all the information you give me, could have been obtained from anybody else. Anyhow you will see the manuscript before it is presented. I think this will be the best way of keeping people

awake for such a long time.
Thank you. Let me know what you
think about it as soon as you can.
Best regards to Esther, yours sincerely

Nic.