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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Joshua:

Thank you very much for your letter which is most understanding. I am, of course, anxious to make this strain available. Actually, this is not exactly the original strain which we have described; however, what is important is that the progeny, being able to transfer this 'F' are just as useful, and these are certainly available.

In any case, I have tried to think of a suitable way of referring to the origin of the strain, but have come to the conclusion that the less said the better. Let me thank you again for your letter of communication which we were pleased to use. The work that was described in the paper is all that we have done on Hfr Salmonella, except that one of my associates, Warren Carey, has an interesting cross: ST-2 x Serratia marcescens; the progeny become Hfr for Lac as usual: S. marcescens hybrid x TM-9S⁺-2 gives Lac+ S. typhimurium.

As to Aleck Bernstein, since this is a Government agency, we are unable to hire non-citizens except under unusual circumstances. This is unfortunate for I really think that the difficult personnel problem in Govt work could be helped appreciably if this restriction did not exist.

Your comment on BW hits the nail on the head! Our diploid type typhoid hybrids which cross-react with coli serologically and are biochemically very much like coli would fit the bill, perhaps. Probably any Lac+ typhoid would do the trick.

If the opportunity presents itself, I should enjoy a short visit with you and Esther (and the climate). I will check into this later, since I just returned from a trip to Denver.
Best regards to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lou'.

L. S. BARON

P. S. I am sending a Lac+ Salmonella typhimurium LT-2 Hfr, which can be used as a 'starter culture' to transfer the so-called 'F'.