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Dear Josh:

I just received your letter of August 31 and the copy of the letter to Mr. Berger.

As I wrote you in my last letter, it seems that the price of ONPG will be still \$ 20.- per gram. I will write to Mann today asking him to give you specific instructions with regard to your position. You can forward him any orders which might arrive in the meantime.

Thank you for handling the orders for Bernie and Dexter, we will take care of your "commission" as soon as we receive the payments. With regard to the order of Bernie we received already the check, should I send him an invoice?, or you did send one already?

You can write Mr. Berger that for amounts over 10 grams we can consider synthesizing the ONP-glucosaminoside and the ONP-N-acetylglucosaminoside, assuming that the synthesis of these compounds has been studied. He does not state if he refers to the α or β forms. The price will range between \$ 30.- and \$ 70.- per gram according to the labor involved.

I believe that the man from DuPont was Mr. A. L. Foster, unless he is the agent. I have instructed Mann to fill his order as soon as possible because I received a telegram from him long time ago.

I believe these takes care of the business part.

I am very interested in Monod's manuscript, I hope Sol sends it to me soon. I am stuck on the discussion of the ms on activation, if the inspiration doesn't come I will send it to you as is. I found always your criticisms most helpful in spots like this.

It was surprising to hear that you are going on with the propagation of protoplasts as L-forms. Last time I heard you, you did not want to study further the protoplasts. What made this change?

If my strains do not arrive soon, I will have to ask you for new cultures. In the meantime I got a phase microscope, and a De Fonbrun micromanipulator. We prepared also a very good looking DNA from protoplasts of W 1317 and we will start with the experiments very soon. The yields from E. Coli protoplasts seem to be far better than those from E. Coli as described by Boivin.

I found a reference for an "electric" micromanipulator which might interest you (how is your design coming along?):
Science, 115, 646 (1952). Best regards to Elter and you Boris