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Dear Josh,

I enclose an outline draft of a proposed paper, Nester and Stocker, on the "Latency" of bacteria which have just taken up transforming DNA; a copy of this has also gone to Gene for his comments. Does the proposed arrangement and argument seem to you more or less O.K., in general? if so, and if Gene (does not find the argument too much "dated" (or invalidated by subsequent work at Stanford or Seattle) he and I can then go ahead and fill in the gaps with tables and other experimental results.

Have you had a chance to look through the other draft, on fla transformation? I would be glad to have your criticisms and suggestions as soon as is convenient to you, so that I can start revising and if possible shortening this version. Do you think that the Journal of Bacteriology would be a suitable place to submit it to? Also can you give me any necessary acknowledgement about the sources of financial support for the work which I did with you?

I have also sent you, via the Races, the typescript of a short paper, probably to be submitted to Nature, about Joy's work here on serological H1i mutants; if you have any suggestions about it I would welcome them.

Jane has started a letter to Esther and you, amongst other things to thank Esther for the photographs; we think that she looks absolutely charming in the one with the gal data on the board behind! But her letter-writing has been held up by having Kate sick with tonsillitis. However Kate is now recovering so that I hope this letter will be resumed, and I will defer personal news for it, particularly as I want to get this draft to you and Gene as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Stocker.

Dr. J. Lederberg, The Lister, for instance on Exobiology? 445, and via the Department of Genetics, Stanford Medical Center, 500 Lathrop Street (Chesler + Elsbree), e invites from Palo Alto, Calif., U.S.A. Other institutes, honorarium 20 guineas (= £21), 4.30

One bit of semi-business. On your Liba trip we see you are giving a Univ. of London special lecture on bact. gene etc. Would you be interested in giving a talk at 7M. on mutually convenient date? (I go (as above, tho. I know you must be a bit sick of giving lectures) I will get formal invitation arranged.

We very much enjoyed E's long charity letter, and the photos: complete, in CR, too! We shall be really interested to see the effect! Looking forward to your Mrs. visit! I'm sure you will stop with us for at least part of the time. Kate seems really love to you both you give me plenty of today (Sunday), we plan to go out to Riverview.

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