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Dear Josh:

Thanks for making this easy! I've just finished the last trip East this fall, so can now catch up.

1- We had seen Lebedev's paper - thanks. Completely unjustified criticism! What do you think of Stone et al's latest on stim. of recomb.? Looks O.K. but what's the common denominator?

[2- Have discussed reprinting with many here. Should be good demand for this. At least 8-10 here, and at least this many in any lab. interested in field. Plus libraries, etc. I'm all in favour of project.]

3- What's this I hear about a good Chicago offer which you turned down for Wis. counteroffer? Sounds fine!

Research: finishing 1) isoleucine, valine synthesis which we found to involve the two diOH acids, and tail condensation of acetate to give side chain ethylor methyl. 2) Carcinogen mutation. ± 4x increase with all - noncarcinogens look weaker. 3) Fuller has answer to δ exane + inositol. Two inhibitions: irreversible one shown by all strains (and all microorgs) and specifically reversible one shown only by dependent orgs - Continuing 1) CAB thesis to be done this June? 2) inositol function in Neur. - present in bound form, nature? 3) Sterol and amino acid synthesis from C^{14} acetate by acetateless N of 2492 4) Aromatic a.a. synthesis via shikimic: nothing too new, all your compds n.g. 5) pectic enzymes in N. looks very promising - new? extracellular depolymerase considerably purified. (R.W.B.)

Am looking forward to your visit to Calif. this summer! Where? Driving?

my best to Esther

yours

Ed