Personal memo from
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Lotte and chemical mutagenesis

Dear Geoffrey -

I am indebted to you for your account in Genetics this month. At other times I had given undue attention to the 1945 accident in Bari harbor as having called attention to radiomimesis. But I'd had no access to any original papers.

I do recall the buzz around Columbia in 1944 when the first Nature paper came out - and the speculation that mustard was among the other chemicals.

Curiosity: I'm working on CH_2O mutagenesis right now (in an E. coli plasmid.) Many perplexities.

With best regards,

Jim

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