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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your letter from August 21st. I postponed answering it for so long, because I waited for an answer from New York all the time. Dr. Lawrence W. Smith promised me help with my travelling expenses, yet I am still in suspense and so I do not know if my planned trip to the U.S.A. will come off. The conference is on the 14th & 15th of November. As I should like to visit Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Chicago I shall probably not be able to come to Madison before the beginning of December. If my journey will after all materialize I shall be delighted to come to Madison and to stay at least 2 days. I shall bring preparations and photos and I shall be extremely interested to hear your views. I should be very grateful if you could find means to help me with travelling expenses.

I have also been unsuccessful with my attempts to culture from filtrates lately. This is discouraging. Perhaps we could together find out ways to overcome our difficulties.

I have so far never been able to obtain an L-culture from E. coli B that remained in the L-stage and also the development of the L-stage is not at all a consistent feature of filtrates. My opinion is that the media are not appropriate, because I have had periods when positive results were frequent. At the moment the results are all negative.

I possess stable L-cultures

only from S. moniliformis and Bacteroides cultures. These, of course, can be sent, but they would not help you much.

I am sorry to have to disappoint you, but I am still hoping that I may be able to come over and would appreciate discussions with you very much.

Sincerely yours,

E. Klieneberger-Nobel.

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