7. 10. 57. Dear Dr. Lederberg

Thank you very much for your kind letter. In the meantime I have heard that the New York conference has been called off. Consequently this means that I am not coming ~~up~~ over to the U.S.A just now. It is disappointing, yet I think I might perhaps be able to apply for a Rockefeller Foundation travelling grant next year. Then I should be able to choose my own time and make my own arrangements which I think should be much more pleasant. Perhaps I could then come in spring or early next summer.

I am very willing to examine your strain K-12, but should like to know when and under which conditions it behaves "sexual".

My great difficulty is, I am ashamed to say, that I know next to nothing about the newer genetical work. I should like to make up for it and would be grateful to you if you would suggest a course of study for me. I mean: would you send me a list of the papers I ought to read in succession. I will then try to make a real good effort. It would be so gratifying if your and my work could somehow be linked up.

How would you suggest I should examine your K-12 strain?

What is, you think, the genetical position in coli

mutabile on lactose media. Papillae are always formed here, and they contain large numbers of L-forms. Of course, there may be mutation and recombination.

Yours sincerely,

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