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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

A few months ago, the Bacillus Genetic Stock Center received your collection of SB strains of Bacillus subtilis (and other bacilli) from Dr. Ganesan at Stanford University. This highly important, historical collection has greatly enhanced the holdings, as well as the prestige, of the Stock Center, and we thank you for this important donation.

We finally have been able to enter your collection on our computer. For your interest, I am enclosing print outs of the list of strains, index of traits, and index of original codes. Also enclosed is an explanation of our coding system at the Stock Center. We anticipate that there always will be changes in documentation for the strains in your collection as we learn more about specific strains from perusing the literature. We are gradually building a library of articles dealing with the genetics of Bacillus. We have about 500 articles so far and hope to have them properly indexed on the computer in time. We also are acquiring as many of the well characterized and mapped markers of B. subtilis as we can. We have about 90 % of them so far.

Thank you for your interest in, and support of, the Bacillus Genetic Stock Center.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Scott M. Martin  
Curator, Bacillus Genetic  
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