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Dear Beets

Some of the enclosed may amuse, more than enlighten, you. I can't understand how Wyatt could underestimate how well you had passed the word in 1944-45 !

I write particularly to ask if you have any copies of correspondence from Francis or from me, esp. 1944-45 relating to the origins of ideas about (1) transforming Neurospora, or (2) recombination in *E. coli*. I would like to write in some more detail about that period, before other mythologies crystallize; and better documentation would be most helpful. If you have anything else on the subject, I would certainly appreciate that too. The matter could get very large if it also encompassed the threads from Luria/Delbruck/Demerec and perhaps Salva should be encouraged to put his on the record. PATOOMB has already recorded, larger than life, that particular side of things.

I will be writing about this to others, especially of course to Ed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".