October 10, 1951.

Mr, George O. Carrington,
Department of Microbiology,
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Dear Mr. Carrington:

In March 1950, I promised to send you our culture W-590 (Luria's designation 109A) if we ever succeeded in rescuing it again. We are currently lyophilizing our culture collection, and happened thereby to run into another vial labelled W-590 from which a viable E. coli was obtained.

In hopes you might still have some use for it, I am enclosed a subculture of this strain. It has not been rechecked for its original requirements of xanthine or (guanine + uracil), but I trust you may have retained your interest in it.

The culture is preserved on dry silica gel. It can be resuscitated by breaking the tube and pouring the gel into broth or onto agar.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Associate Professor of Genetics.

P.S. Please give Dr. Lampen my best regards,