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Sir Gustav J. D. Nossal  
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Dear Gus:

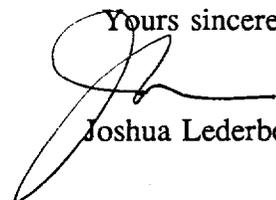
Following up on the enclosed, I'm trying to assemble my papers for other "chapters" of memoir. I am having a lot of nostalgic pleasure going over our correspondence ca. 1957 - 1961, those early days of antibody-formation theory. I do have some problem, not having kept up with all the experiments; but can I ask you a couple of questions?

- 1) I don't suppose you kept the early drafts of our paper that came out in Nature, 1958. It's hard to make sense of some of our discussion without that.
- 2) What's the last word, from our now comfortable retrospection, about 1 or 2 antibodies per cell? Not just current theory, but how to understand the exptl. results, yours & Cohn-Attardi included. Should we just put all the complication down to the methodological problems of getting clean cells and the quantitative aspects of assay?
- 3) At what point (if any prior to monoclonal antibodies) did the die-hards give in?

Please do point me to your own retrospective writings that I should attend most closely.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg

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