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Difco Laboratories,
Detroit 1, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

I hope that the following suggestion can be brought to the attention of the appropriate officer of your company.

The metal cans in which you now supply Bacto Agar, in one pound lots, are attractive and appropriate to their use. It turns out, unfortunately, that they are just a few millimeters too narrow to accommodate the lids of standard 10 cm Petri plates. I think that a good many bacteriologists would like to be able to make use of these cylindrical cans, rather than discard them when empty. For example, I would like to have them for refrigerator storage of small batches of plates.

Would there be any possibility of making this slight alteration in the diameter of these cans without dislocating your shipment schedules?

Yours sincerely,

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