

August 24, 1953

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Dear Dr. Moran:

Thank you for your letter of August 4, which I have just found upon returning from the SAB meetings at San Francisco.

I am glad to have the identities of these cultures checked; no doubt there was a clerical error at some past time.

It is not entirely a coincidence that the two cultures, M66 and 1966, that do not conform to abortus-equi, are the ones that were singled out for closer study. I was looking for a strain of abortus-equi with a more vigorous growth and motility and another colonial morphology than is typical, and perhaps should already have been suspicious of these two strains on just these grounds.

I believe that I have still viable subcultures of some of the strains mentioned at the foot of your letter if, for any reason, you should want them back. For my part, I think that the material accumulated and at hand, although not entirely satisfactory, will have to be made do.

Thank you for your courtesies,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg