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Dear Mr. Green:

I am sorry but I do not have any of the chloramphenicol resistant cultures of *E. coli* K-12 at Madison. I am sure that Dr. Cavalli will be happy to send them to you, but I suggest that you give him a more explicit outline of what you intend to do, so that he can make the better choice among his material for you. You can write to Dr. Cavalli at the "Istituto Sieroterapico Milanese, Via Darwin 20, Milan, Italy".

I hope you will be more successful at obtaining a DNA-transduction with K-12 than Atchley was (see CSH, 16:441). There is certainly no reason in principle why this can't be done. Dr. Demarec has recently been claiming such a transduction in *Salmonella*: perhaps his methods would be of some use to you. If it does come out, I hope you will let me know.

My best regards for the season to Dr. Rabin,

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics