February 3, 1948.

Mr. Melvin Hatch,
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Dear Mr. Hatch,

Thank you for your interest in my work that you indicated in your letter of the 27th.

The purpose of publication is, of course, to stimulate others to perform like or related experiments, and you certainly do not require any form of permission.

I regret that my supply does not permit me to send you reprints, but I would suggest that you refer to the following papers which give complete details of recombination experiments:

Gene recombination and linked segregations in E. coli,
Genetics 32:505-525 (September) 1947.

Gene recombination and sex in the bacterium Escherichia coli,

I would be very much interested to hear details of your findings. Some of my colleagues here are deeply interested in the genetics of Azotobacter.

Yours sincerely,

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