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Dear Josh:

Thanks for calling my attention to the Vi problem, of which I was ignorant. I hope your student will look into it. If he does not, one of us will have to. We have our hands full at the moment. I don't have any ideas about this that you haven't had.

There is another puzzling phenomenon among the staphylococci. If I remember correctly from Rountree's paper, it is common experience that a phage isolated from a lysogenic culture, then cultivated on a sensitive culture, will now plate with high eop on the lysogenic culture. The problem here is similar. *but less interesting.*

Your Papers on Microbial Genetics is quite useful, I think.

Best regards,



A. D. Hershey