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Dear Tony:

I was reminded to write you a little note by an abstract that just came to my attention: Bucher, Scott and Aub (1950), Cancer Research, 10: 207. "Regeneration of the liver in parabiotic rats." These workers (at the Medicine Labs., Huntington Memorial, Mass General, Boston) give no very convincing details, but do seem to confirm our results (?), and in particular the outlook of those experiments we started six years ago. If Lester hasn't seen this, he might also be interested, but I have no address for him. It is rather gratifying to see that we were not entirely on the wrong track.

The letterhead may be misleading: I am still at the University of Wisconsin (Associate Professor of Genetics), but have been spending a few weeks here teaching a summer course in microbial genetics. San Francisco Bay is certainly one of the most exhilarating parts of the country. The course was really an excuse for a vacation. Esther and I spent about five weeks on the road from Madison to Berkeley, which covered about 7,000 miles of this big country. There has been quite a mess here about the loyalty oath at UC, with UC Pres. Sproul and Gov. Warren supporting (at least in part) those faculty members who rebelled against a rather stupid "loyalty oath" that a faction in the Bd of Regents tried to put over. It was finally admitted that the non-signers are to be fired not because of any suspicion that they are Communists, but for discipline! So far, fortunately, we have not had such a problem at Madison, but the hysteria is unbelievable.

May I take this occasion to remind you that I have a cancelled check for 3.50 or 4.00 which was supposed to be for a P&G York. Is it possible that this was lost in the mails?

With best regards to your parents and to Mrs. Iannone,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg