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Dear Dr. Hooley,

From your abstract in the proceedings of the recent S.G.B. meetings, I note your interesting results with desoxypyridoxine. I have been trying, so far without success, to separate phage-free isolates of certain Salmonella cultures which possess the power of lysogenicity. It occurred to me that it might be possible to accomplish this end with the aid of anti-phage agents, such as desoxypyridine, which had but slight antibacterial action. If you agree that this would be feasible, I wonder if you could spare a sample of the compound, or refer me to a source.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated,

Yours sincerely,

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