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Dear Josh,

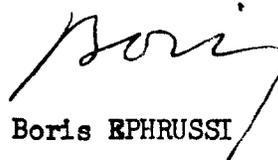
I received a few days ago your letter reminding me of my promise to send you some yeast strains. With apologies, I confess that I do not remember exactly what strains you want, and your letter is not very clear. I assume that what you want are two vegetative petites of opposite mating type and two segregational petites of opposite mating type. On this assumption, I am getting ready to send you the very strains which have been used in our work (with Chen) as testers. Since none of the segregational petites have been used in our work for several years, and since the cytoplasmic factor of these petites is rather easily lost, I want to test for its presence before I send them to you. This will take a week or 10 days. Meanwhile, let me know whether the above assumption is correct.

I, too, was sorry that we did not have a little more time to talk in Detroit. I remember that you intended to tell me something about your work with Salmonella, and, since you told me some curious things about it a year ago in Woods Hole, I am rather anxious to hear more. If you can find a few moments off, do write about it.

Last request : I suppose you will soon have written up for publication the commentary you gave at Detroit. Could you let me have a carbon copy ?

On returning here, I found Harriett and Anne in perfect condition. We send both of you our warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Boris EPHRUSSI