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Dr. O. Kandler
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Dear Dr. Kandler:

Thank you for the reprints which have just arrived. I have now been rather deeply involved in the L-form problem with E. coli K-12, for which the enclosure represents the point of departure, and your studies stand out among the mass of literature that I have to study.

I was equally intrigued by your Berkeley return address. Are you in residence at the University, or in practice there? I wish I might have known this possibility sooner, as I visited the University of California just a month ago. I also expect to visit again in early April, and if possible would like to meet you. Alternatively, if there is any chance of your being in the vicinity of Madison, I hope you may use that opportunity for a discussion. (However, I will be in France and England in March).

I do not want to presume unduly on your generosity, but is there any chance of getting reprints also of your large 1954 papers in Arch. Mikrobiol? We have this journal in the library, but it would be most convenient for my study if I could have the papers to read at leisure, or if I might even just borrow a copy for a few months.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. Dr. Wolfram Heumann sends his regards.
He is here for a year to continue his studies on the sexual cycle of star-forming agrobacteria from a genetical viewpoint.