Dear Esther,

I wonder if you could possibly help me by giving me some salmonella strains for my work with the χ phage. It seems to me that, where there is any doubt about the susceptibility of bacteria carrying particular antigens, the clearest way of testing them is to put them into a monophasic susceptible strain. My best susceptible strains are in Groups B and D and I am looking for donor strains in these Groups so that I can use phage P22. Have you by any chance any P22-sensitive strains with antigens: k, y, z20, z28, lv, lw or 1,6? And I wonder if, in particular, you still have, and could send me; Salm. zega CDC -317 and the monophasic paratyphi B SW 999 which has z6 in place of 1,2.

It would be awfully good of you if you could manage this as at the moment I am rather stuck with this part of the paper I am writing.

We are both looking forward very much to seeing you here next month.

Yours sincerely,

Elinor Meynell.