Memo from
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To: A. C. Allison

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Was this ever published?

I apologize for having neglected to reply; it happens that I am working on a rather detailed account of the history of bacterial genetics in the 40's.

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Briefly:

① Crossing in E. coli was an empirical verification of a theoretical anticipation explicitly sought after.

② transduction, lysogeny, F factors } were also discovered accidentally in the course of other studies.

Spheroplasts after penicillin were like ①

See Tatum's Nobel lecture (I think) for remarks on serendipity

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