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Dear Dr Dodge:

Thanks to your many kindnesses in helping us get started, our Neurospora program is coming along fine in most respects. We have a note coming out in the Nov. No. of the Proc Nat'l Acad. Sci. that summarizes our results to date. There's one thing we have great difficulty with, however, and I wonder if you could give us some advice regarding it. That is in getting ascospores dissected from asci to germinate well. Sometimes we have good luck & sometimes very bad. Two factors that seem to us to help are: (1) having the spores well matured before dissection and (2) letting them stand after dissection for a day or so before heating. However, we still have plenty of difficulty and are wasting plenty of time dissecting ones that don't germinate. I wonder if you have any suggestions you'd care to make regarding this difficulty? We'll certainly appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

G. W. Beadle