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Dear Josh:

While in the process of evaluating long-term programs that we have going here, I wondered if your interests might not coincide with ours to the extent that it would be to everyone's benefit to get together. We are interested in recombination in the Actinomycetes as well as Penicillium, although to my knowledge there isn't any data published supporting its existence in the former group. We have made observations from time to time that are consistent with the hypothesis that recombination does occur in the Actinomycetes but we haven't clear-cut data to support it. Because this is an area that has obvious implications for the antibiotic industry, we are carrying out some work along these lines.

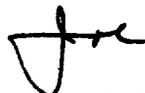
When I was at Wisconsin last year you mentioned that you were getting a post-doctoral fellow to work on Actinomycetes in your laboratory. I therefore wondered if you might be interested in pursuing the line of research indicated above. I have in mind a setup whereby Bristol Laboratories will support with no strings attached a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow to work in the field of recombination in the Actinomycetes under your direction. Presumably he would work with an organism of non-commercial interest and in so doing develop techniques that might be useful to us in carrying out similar work on commercially important strains. To further this latter aspect I would like to make arrangements for you to be a consultant for us with the idea of aiding this phase of our program.

If you think you might be interested in this type of arrangement, then let me know and we can explore some of the details. I don't know whether you have any consultantship arrangements with other firms but if you do there may be some difficulty arising should it involve certain competitors. But we can consider that later.

Please extend my best regards to Esther.

Sincerely yours,

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Joseph Lein, Director
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