Memo from
JOSHUA LEDERBERG

To: Bill McElroy

AUG 1 1977

— some history —

I've just enjoyed reading your piece in Ann. Rev. Microbiol.

I was particularly interested in your remarks about Beadle and Tatum. Are you sure about hearing about microorganisms for biochemical mutants while you were an undergraduate (≤ 1939 ?) That jars ~~also~~ a bit with the account that this happened after they were scooped by Butenandt; and that using nutritional mutants was an illumination from Ed's course in Jan/Feb 1941.

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To:

anything you can send me that could sharpen the history of the quest for a better organism would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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