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Dear Josh:

First, I don't have any letters or other papers from or about Ed Tatum and such memories as I have are not concerned with the development of the biological sciences.

We saw a good deal of each other at two points: graduate school at Wisconsin and the years he was at Yale and lived in Bethany.

As a graduate student, he did a great deal of lounging around the laboratory; long hours, not too much obvious exertion, physical or mental. I particularly

"chairing" the meetings.

As I have often said to others, I believe that Ed's greatest contribution to science was the multidimensional support he gave to you during your first two years at Yale. He supported you when you went out of your way to antagonize. He even took you into his home and ~~began~~ initiated a long over process of civilization from which you emerged, unbroken in spirit into a relaxed, considerate human being. Ed was always kind. I had no known that he would care enough or be wise enough to do for anyone, what I believe he did for you.

Your memo asking for this information arrived within the last few weeks. I see now that it was dated Nov 8, 1976. Don't ask me where it has been — the envelope is not available.

Sorry I cannot be of more assistance. At least, if the memoir is already written, I shall not have "wasted" much effort.

You are welcome to use any scraps worth gleaning.

Very best wishes, as always.

Polly

(Mary I. Bunting)

remember the "experiments" he would conduct using one test tube. He made his own rules while developing his hypotheses — as we all do — but he managed with far less busywork than most of us.

When we talked later about those graduate years, we agreed that the person who did most to further our education was Marvin Johnson. Marve's good-natured "What the hell do you think you are doing?" questions were the tests that moved us forward more than any support or criticism from the faculty. The good seminars were there in the laboratory, day or night, with brave