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Personal Memo from
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Bromacil ... Eureka

Thank you for reminding me of this episode.

I was gratified to be able to find the correspondence you requested.

Mutagenesis was a new issue in those days; and I am not sure what standard of rigor should be or have been applied. Do you know whether bromacil has been put through the Ames test? Is it in commercial use today?

To the best of my recollection, I concluded that DuPont had applied every reasonable test. Also, I heard (verbally) of some data on mechanism of action that pointed away from DNA as a target and they had checked out bromacil for incorporation into DNA. So there was no longer reason to worry more about it than any random compound.

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Quadri-Science was a consulting group led by Harold Urey + Ralph Lapp. It was engaged by DuPont to mount the symposium you know about. I don't think it did much else for DuPont, possibly to Lapp's disappointment: I'm not sure. I was part of Q-S from about 1961-64.

It's only connection with bromacil is that it did give me a channel to Greenewalt, as noted in my letter of 8/19/62.

I doubt if Dr. Jefferson knows any of this history; but thank you for the compliment.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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