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AIRMAIL

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Dear Sy:

Thank you very much indeed for the four cultures which arrived just Monday. Three of these grew right up and are being checked at the present time. Unless you hear from me further of course it may be assumed that they are in good condition. In any event, I will make a point of returning to you a set of re-lyophilized tubes. Unfortunately, however, number 62-20-19<sub>4</sub> failed to grow. It is by no means essential that we have this particular culture but I would be grateful to you if you could replace this with another subculture of the same type or with any other in the mating type *g*.

We are having an interesting time going into a field about which we do not know a very great deal. Do you have any particular preferences about minimal medium? I notice that in your earlier work you used Burkholder's yeast medium buffered at pH around 5, whereas more recently you used a medium around pH-7. Does this make a great deal of difference?

With very best wishes for the season.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. - W4-3 *del* *gen*

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