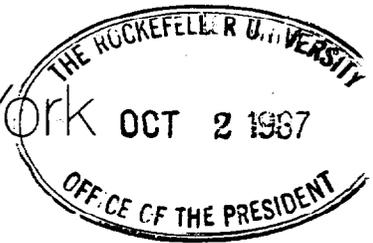


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Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Josh:

Thank you very much for sending me the reprint of your original paper on gene recombination in Escherichia coli and the commentary from last December's Nature. I didn't know, until you mentioned it a few days ago when we were talking with John Moore, that you had clinical parasitology experience in your background! I was also very interested in reading your reflections on the early years of genetic recombination. I am particularly interested in your views since I worked with or know many of the people that you speak about. I remember Francis Ryan very well. When I was an undergraduate at Barnard College I also was taking some graduate courses at Columbia and had the occasion to interact with him many times. I share your views about his influence in shaping researchers. He was a really unusual and wonderful man. Also, at Rockefeller, I was very much in touch with McCarty and Dubos. Ed Tatum was one of my thesis advisors. I am really exceedingly fortunate to have had those opportunities and I was touched by your paper in Nature.

Thank you very much for thinking of me. I am very happy to have the papers that you sent me. I look forward to seeing you at the Trustees meeting at Carnegie in October.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena".

Elena O. Nightingale, M.D., Ph.D.

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