Dear Josh,

It was good to hear from you after so long a time and to have memories brought back of 1944-45. It was fun thinking about Woodeger's mathematical approach to biology and how impossible it was. Your using somewhat similar methods for organic chemistry is really the only reasonable possibility. I never could keep up with your ideas, but I enjoyed them. I am reprint them now.

My memories of the reception of Avery's work consist of discussions with Pollister, as he spoke of his conflicts with Mirsky. Pollister said that Mirsky wanted the residual protein of the chromosome to be the genetic material, and therefore thought that transformation was due to a protein impurity.

I don't know the answer to your question about Avery's paper. I never knew Harriet very well and so if she talked about it before Jan '45 I wouldn't know.

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[Date: Sep 21, 1972]