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Dear Dave -

Can you recall anything of how "Avery" was communicated to the Zoology Dept. in 1943-45?

Josh.

15 Sept

Dear Josh:

Harriett Taylor was the key, I suspect. I heard her give a review of Avery's work in a seminar run by L.C. Dunn in 1942, before I left for the army. Some time after that, she arranged to go to Rockefeller to work in Avery's lab. I know she felt ~~this~~ the transformation work to be crucial.

Salome Waelsch was an intimate of Harriett's at the time, and would know the details of her decision and her role in bringing Avery's work to the attention of the people in Schermerhorn, where she worked on the 10th floor but was in close touch with people on the 8th. Rollin Hotchkiss would, of course, know the Rockefeller end of things. (He and Harriett were the only ones in ~~the~~ Avery's lab during his last two years at Rockefeller, according to Rollin's biographical article in Genetics 51 (1965).)

Regards,

Dave

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