re: History of B&W DNA

Dear Torbjorn--

Thank you for your comments. I was distressed to hear about the Baltimore Harbor incident. There is no telling what a wartime mentality can generate. You may know that another gov't. branch was going to great effort to obtain copies of German scientific publications from European sources (Switzerland?) and was reprinting them here for the benefit of schools and research institutes! I don't know if they attempted this for Swedish publications also, but I can find out if you have any interest.

For my part, I would ask you if there is any more detailed account of that Baltimore affair. How did you come to learn of it?

Of course I fully appreciate the concerns about confidentiality on the documentation of the 1931 Nobel Prizes; and 50 years will be soon enough to use this material in a sound historical perspective. What distresses me is to learn how rapidly papers disappear from my colleagues (and my own) files. I have run across this small 'indiscretion' (?) about Avery that may interest you.

Sincerely,