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DNA as mutagen

How thoughtful of you to recall what I wrote 30 years ago! The keeper my regrets that my calendar is fully booked for the time of your meeting. If it should open up unexpectedly I will write back to you.

You may recall how Dobzhansky characterized the pneumococcus transformation as a "directed mutation" even before Avery & co. characterized DNA there.

This may seem a semantic nicety but Avery (and Harriett Ephrussi) were informed by it in such a way that they avoided doing or interpreting multi-marker recombination expts. in a single, straightforward way; and this was left to Rollin Hotchkiss some years later.

Best wishes

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