Memo from JOSHUA LEDERBERG

To: Prof. Caspersson

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re: History of ~~DAN~~ 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 U.S. govt. branch was going to great effort to obtain copies of German scientific publications from European sources (Switzeràà~~dd~~?) 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 ~~pxi~~ 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 ~~inkix~~ interest you.

Sincerely,

P.S. Only

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