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Dear Josh,

I will use the "last in first out" system in responding to your note of 9 June, which came in the afternoon's mail.

I do remember why you sent me the slides. I was giving Zoology 1-2 at Barnard and spent quite a spell in lectures dealing with malaria. That topic is wonderful for broad-based biology as well as being tremendously important for human beings. It would have been good to have slides of Plasmodium and I turned to you for help. As I recall, I put up demonstrations of the entire story both in mosquitoes and human blood for many years. There may even be some of your slides still at Barnard but probably not--it has been my experience that the Second Law works with extreme efficiency with microscope slides when there is no one who really cares for them.

Another item re you from those days--suspect that I have told you this before. One of my students in Zoology 1-2 asked if her husband could come and talk to me about something I had said in lecture. Sure. So one night a young Lieutenant came to my lab. and we had a long discussion. He was working on some Navy project involving bacteria in which "adaptation" was a source of confusion and a matter of considerable importance. I had told the class that a young student working over in Schermerhorn had discovered that "adaptation," so long a sore point with geneticists and evolutionists, was a consequence of gene mutation. The Lieutenant was astonished and reluctant to believe what I was saying but eventually he accepted it as a possible hypothesis. Never saw or heard of him again.

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But why did I keep your note when I destroyed almost everything from those years? Don't know but I have always thought I was and am a fine judge of human beings.

My best,

J A Moore