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Dear Josh,

I was especially pleased to talk with you last month, when you graciously accepted the authorship of the Edward L. Tatum biography for the Academy's Biographical Memoir series.

As you may know, the memoirs vary considerably in lenght, but generally run between 3,000 and 6,000 words. A bibliography of the subject's scientific works is appended to the biographical body of the memoir. We place no time limit on completion of the manuscript; we simply assume that the task will be accomplished as the author's schedule permits.

When you were here recently we gave you xeroxes of the material from Dr. Tatum's file and a copy of the author's guidelines. I have now attached some material from the National Science Board records and a copy of my memorial remarks. Please let us know if we can be of further help.

I will not write to George Beadle until I am sure you have discussed the matter with him and the arrangement is satisfactory to you. Please let me know how this progresses.

I was pleased to receive your form letter requesting information on Tatum, it is good to see that you have already started working in your usual thorough manner. Again, many thanks for accepting this assignment. We look forward to receiving the manuscript upon its completion.

Sincerely yours,

Dave

David R. Goddard
Home Secretary