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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your informative letter of June 26. Your comments are greatly appreciated. I agree with you about the nature of Dr. Sonneborn. I should have mentioned that I first stumbled onto this case when investigating the Sonneborn papers in Bloomington, when doing some research for my doctoral thesis on the history of cytoplasmic inheritance. (That text entitled "Cytoplasmic Inheritance and the struggle for authority in the field of heredity" will appear next year as the first in a new monograph series on the history and philosophy of the life sciences published by Oxford University Press and edited by Lewontin, Burian and Burkhardt.)

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① Only recall the puns,
"quantum yield" were
"extraordinary".

Drs. Sager and Davis have agreed to interviews when I have the opportunity to travel - perhaps this coming (North American) winter. Thank you for mentioning Dr. Wainwright, and Dr. Moore. I would probably never have known about them. I will write to them soon. I don't want to infringe on your generosity, but I may have to consult you at a later date to find out more about the problems of Moewus' report concerning the conversion by visible light of 1% cis to trans dimethyl crocetin per minute. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Sapp
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not at all!

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* I'm sure you'll get vehement reports from Ruth Sager on that item!
Tracy S. was most helpful to me in my thinking about plesimids (Physiol. Rev. 32: 403-430 (1952) "Cell Genetics and Hereditary Synthesis") still outstanding is a question he was much concerned about (I paraphrase as:) is significant information stored - and genetically transmitted! - in other than polynucleotide sequences. E.G. in cytoskeleton patterns per Jennings; Jolles' Acetamidification, ...; polysaccharide primers...
Good luck! J. J.