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Dr. J. Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Enclosed you will find the requested reprint of our recent article which was published in FEMS Microbiology Letters.

I want to thank you very much for sending me reprints of two of your articles which I was reading with great interest. Since I am interested in the histories of the original *E. coli* K-12 strain, I am wondering whether you know what happened to the original strain between
① 1922 when it was first isolated at Stanford University and the 1940th when you used this strain in your laboratory?

I would be very happy to hear from you again.

① No detailed information.

C.E. Clifton may have used it for his studies on assimilation in the 1930's. I presume it was kept on nutrient agar slopes. The first reference I know about is Tatum and Bonner, PNAS 30:30-37 (1944) as "received from Dr. Clifton".

Sincerely yours,

G. Blum-Oehler