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Dear Dr. Lamb:

Dr. Erwin Brand informed me over the phone this morning that you have accepted the pair of letters to the Editor by Dr. Lederberg and by me. In order to facilitate the handling of this matter, I am taking the liberty to write you about certain details before having heard directly from you.

Dr. Brand stated that you would like to set the published date of receipt of my communication a few days beyond the actual date of receipt, in order to make it synchronous with Lederberg's. I am very pleased to give permission for this change since it fits in with our original intention.

At Dr. Brand's suggestion I have revised the manuscript slightly in order to omit some of the genetic material and high-light the implications of these mutants as biochemical tools. Enclosed are three copies of the revised version together with a copy of the original version.

If it is desirable to order reprints at this time rather than at the time of galley proof, I should like to order 500 reprints of both papers, bound together in a single cover. An official purchase order from the U. S. Public Health Service will follow.

I am very pleased that you are willing to furnish rapid publication to these papers. Even though the technique involved is bacteriological, it seems to me very desirable to call this type of work to the attention of biochemists as well as bacteriologists and geneticists who are already quite familiar with this field.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard D. Davis,
Surgeon.

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