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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 17, transmitting the names of persons qualified to supply tabular data on mutation rates of various organisms.

Your frank comments on the probable value of such tabulations were received with considerable interest. We are always happy to know the limitations of a subject before we begin requesting data, for we can thus make our requests more definite than otherwise. I think there will be enough space in the volume in which this subject is covered to permit fairly detailed explanations of the sort described in your letter, but in any event we shall be wary lest we fall into the pitfalls you have so kindly pointed out.

Again our thanks and appreciation for your cooperation in this undertaking.

Cordially,

William Spector

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