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Doctor J. Lederberg
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Dear Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of March 24. I am enclosing a copy of the review on bacterial genetics that will appear in a month or two. Please return it at your earliest convenience.

I have not done any work on bacterial genetics for the past few months, because all our time has been taken by work on the genetics of lethal mutations in phage. We have a method that gives an estimate of the number of loci per phage particle that can undergo a lethal mutation. The number appears to be of the order of fifty. As you can imagine, something like this has taken all my time. I hope we shall do more work on bacterial mutations soon.

Best regards,

Luria

S. E. Luria

SEL:pr

I enclose copy of a good joke for your bulletin board. You may hear such type of criticism a number of times. Do not let it upset you: it's just old man's envy. Best of luck to you.

cc: Zella 2/91

FROM. Lucia 3-47

Humor by Pont

"And the trouble with that young man is that he's got nothing whatever in his head but new ideas."