RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Dear Josh,

BUSINESS

(1) Nothing really new research wise:

single step growth curves in actinophage
cross-resistance patterns of actinomycetes
attempting to cross related (not mutually excluded) phage carrying host range markers
supposed to be doing antibiotic research
Waclaw is "retracting" the streptomycin Lamarckian business, slowly and vaguely - won't work at less than 10^5 cells/ml (very suspicious - and I've convinced him that his reconstruction experiments may be inadequate)

(2) Do you want some phage for Bradley - use as unselected markers? Have 5 good ones.

(3) Under separate cover come two copies of, at long last, kinetics. They may be used either as:
a) progress report, or
b) publish, as L and N - mostly your ideas

Would appreciate your opinion since it is up to you entirely - there may be a lot that has to be changed of course.

(4) Been getting the run around here about an appointment - impossible to talk to the OM, he's interested only in antibiotics. Big mistake to come here as PD Fellow - should have negotiated for position beforehand. Well, have an audience at the end of the month - if a definite written offer doesn't materialize I'll leave for elsewhere since there is no use remaining here - Waclaw is just picking my brains - teaching him genetics (namely, that a mutant gene is not a deficiency as he seems to think). Have the Waksman Merck PD Fellowship for next year but won't accept unless get definite written offer for succedding year and can

go abroad on fellowship.

~~(iv) /// Werner Braun~~

GOSSIP

(i) Have seen FJ only twice - difficult to get into New York.

(ii) Waclaw and Liz Hunter married - took a week's honeymoon while Waclaw made a sweeping lecture tour of the drug industries. They are now living in a haunted house because the rent was cheaper - W building house out of barn in Watchung "mountains".

(iii) New Jersey terrible state - too industrialized around here.

(iv) Werner Braun coming July 1 - Waksman wants him to screen for anti-tunour agents! Someone's in for a surprize.

(v) Lot of growing pains in the Institute - several have quit and one more is leaving - Waksman runs the place completely, unfortunately, in trouble with industries. Lot of deadwood (deadheads) here - his Ph D's namely. No new director in offing - reported that Treffers was invited but declined since he would be office boy for W. Mary Bunting now President of Douglas College (formerly NJ State Teacher's, i.e., the girl's campus)

(vi) Sorry to hear about Bob. Where is Larry going?

Regards,

Esther, congrats on new bittens -
Have written about wrong address -
Last time they got confused it took
4 months to clear it up -