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December 6, 1948.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
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Dear Josh:

I'm glad to hear that you have your manuscript off to Brand. If you have serious reservations about the wisdom of this move I'm sorry you did it, because I really meant it when I told you that my sending my manuscript to Brand was not intended to influence your decision. I have begun to weaken myself about this decision, but was swept away by Brand's easy and enthusiastic solution. In any case, the papers should get rapid publication this way.

Your suggestion that the communications be combined in a single reprint is an excellent one, except that our government funds have all sorts of strings attached. If you paid for the reprints we would not be able to send you a check for half the cost and, on the other hand, we might find it difficult to persuade some accountant in Washington that it was reasonable for us to purchase reprints of your paper, however, negligible the cost. Under these circumstances, I don't think it would be very practicable to try to pro-rate the cost. Since this will be a short and inexpensive reprint, if your laboratory could support the expense of buying the combined reprints and presenting us with 100 of them, I think that would be a very happy solution. I find myself frequently embarrassed by this situation of having lots of money in the bank but none to spend.

Werner started here a few weeks ago and seems to be enjoying work with bacteria. He insists, tho, that the shift from Neurospora is probably only an adaptation rather than a mutation.

With best regards to Esther,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard D. Davis
Bernard D. Davis,
Surgeon.

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