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Dear Dr J. Lederberg

Thank you for your letter about the missing reference in my paper in "Laboratory" λ.

I am very sorry about this omission because I know we are indebted to you and to Dr E.M Lederberg for the foundation of Modern Genetic.

So I would like to explain why such a reference was omitted

1- I followed an article by Pica and Calef and I trusted too much in their references

2- R Devorel, who was at this time in the States noticed me about the right reference, but it was too late, [illegible] to the referee

3- [illegible] FEMS Microbiology letters [illegible] [illegible]

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