

19th April, 1955.

My dear Mac,

It was the greatest pleasure to us to receive your letter of April 10th, and to hear that our presents for Rina and Thomaso have given them pleasure.

May I congratulate you most heartily on the letter to Nature which I have read with the greatest interest? It is not altogether clear how the different markers were combined in the eight strains of Escherichia coli to which you refer. I suppose it was a factorial arrangement with confounding suitable for detecting the predominant influence of the F factor in precipitation by acidity.

I do not know about filaments. How does their length compare with the dimensions of the cell?

The whole investigation you report is full of interest, and I am sure will receive the attention it deserves from other workers in microbial genetics.

Sincerely yours,