

April 23, 1963

Dr. Riley D. Housewright
Scientific Director
United States Army Biological Laboratories
Fort Detrick
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Dr. Housewright:

The mutagenic compound which we discussed during my visit last month is N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine obtainable from Aldrich Chemical, 2369 North 29th Street, Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin. I believe this compound can be used in the same way as ethylmethane sulfonate.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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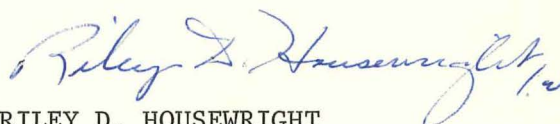
15 April 1963

Dr. Matthew S. Meselson
Department of Biology
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Meselson:

We very much enjoyed your visit to Fort Detrick. On your return, I hope you will find the time to provide me the exact name of the mutagen which you could remember only as a compound similar to nitros-guanadine. Our people here only were familiar with ENS.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Riley D. Housewright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "H".

RILEY D. HOUSEWRIGHT
Scientific Director

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