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letter form for  
Requests for  
ONTJOM Cultures  
see letter attached  
to FGSC # 2556-2557  
deposition sheets

Dear

Your recent letter has been brought to my attention. We (FGSC) do maintain the cultures you requested, but distribute them for research purposes only.

The preservation method used by the Stock Center, for long term storage, eliminates the necessary "good" bacteria to prevent food poisoning from developing. Thus since the ontjom produced from our strain would not only be of low quality (since the native inoculum contains yeast and bacteria in addition to Neurospora), it also would not prevent the development of dangerous bacteria (notably Pseudomonas) which could cause food poisoning.

If you would like, I could send you the name of the person in Malaysia from whom we obtained the cultures. Perhaps they have material which they would send you that would be appropriate.

Sincerely,