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Dear Dr. Pridham:

Thank you for your January 23 letter in response to my inquiry regarding fungal cultures.

We are engaged in a study of *Neurospora* species, employing strains that have been collected by me or by others from various parts of the world. I do not desire to have laboratory-derived strains, but only strains derived from various substrates outside the lab, including any from ontjom in Java. I already have all those ARS strains that are also carried by the ATCC or by the Fungal Genetics Stock Center.

Since you do not have a published list, I have no way of knowing what number of *Neurospora* strains may be involved. I do not want to request an unreasonable number. However, if your collection contains up to 30 *Neurospora* strains that meet the above criteria, I would appreciate having them for study. We would need to know for each culture the place collected and preferably the date and substrate.

With many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David D. Perkins
Professor of Biology

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