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Hi Bill,

We've finished evaluating our hybrid crosses for biomass production in NY state and are ready to go to larger field trials. We got funding from the NY state to grow a few hybrids in farmer's fields across the state next year. At any rate, the hybrids that we made with your female line, [REDACTED], performed well in small plots this year. Jim Osborne tells me that this hybrid A-line came from you and that we'd need to perform crosses to resynthesize these lines for our crosses. By any chance, would you be willing to provide seed from the above A- line for our two crosses this winter? We'd quite a bit of seed from your A-line (~12K.. don't know how this converts to seed weight) to make around 200lbs of hybrid seed from each of two male lines. If you can't do this it's all right. We'll use one of Jim's A lines even though they don't perform quite as well for us.

Steve K asked me to give you his regards. He's doing well in SC and will be in contact soon.

Hope you are doing well,  
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