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Dear Mr. Hall:

I received your letter of April 14th concerning the [REDACTED] case and the bulky volume of testimony.

I have not taken the trouble to review the testimony in detail for the reason that I was at the trial, heard the testimony of the two so-called experts from the University of South Carolina, and myself testified in some detail and in some degree in refutation of what they said. It was quite apparent that neither of the two gentlemen knew anything about the subject either at first hand or from the careful examination of the available literature. This was made rather apparent, I believe, in my testimony and I think the two gentlemen were adequately convinced themselves that they were ignorant of the matter. There was some suggestion in their testimony that one of them at least may have been somewhat dishonest. In any case, Dr. Kenneth Linch of the Medical Department of their University was convinced that they had made a mistake in appearing in the guise of experts, and I dare say he has discussed the question since with some of his associates, and perhaps with them. My guess would be that it is quite unlikely that they would testify in the same manner if given the opportunity again. For this reason I should consider any review in detail or any criticism of their testimony at this time as having only an academic value. If the case comes up for trial again (which I should be inclined to doubt), it will undoubtedly be necessary for me to appear again, in which case I shall certainly have to criticize their testimony for the benefit of Mr. Benet.

My parenthetical statement of doubt as to the likelihood of the re-opening of this case springs from a feeling that Mr. [REDACTED] attorneys were rather discouraged with the base even before it reached the hands of the jury. I doubt if they would feel that anything would be gained by a repetition of the testimony.

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If after reading my letter you should still feel that it is advisable for your purposes that I give you detailed comments on the testimony, I shall do so at your request. I shall hold the testimony until I hear from you further.

Very truly yours,

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