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Dear Stan:

I had your letter of November 14th some time ago, but I did not respond at once, for the simple reason, that I did not know quite how to do it, suitably. And I am not altogether sure that I now know how to say what I shall attempt to say, without creating injury to you. However, I cannot longer remain silent, lest I, by so doing, convey to you an impression of myself which is not at all correct. The fact of the matter is that your version of a report of this investigation falls far short of what I would like it to be. That is not strange really, and my better judgment was represented in my earlier suggestion that you undertake only to put together the data without any discussion if that could be done. Mind you, I am not claiming that this could have been done. What I am saying is that the data alone do not convey the essential pattern and outcome of the entire investigation, and that a discussion--and a very detailed and pertinent discussion--is absolutely essential to put flesh on the bare bones of the data of the investigation. Neither you, nor any one else could be expected to do that unless you could sit down with the investigators and understand their purposes in conducting the details of the investigation. Unfortunately, I could not provide the information and help necessary to achieve that end, and it has taken time, for me to appreciate fully my own shortcomings. That has been my own tragedy, which I may not, even yet, recognize fully. However, I have, to my own surprise, and to the full skepticism of all of my colleagues who have any right to an opinion, continued to obtain further enlightenment, and awareness, in some matters together with inklings in other respects.

I need not say more at this time, except to tell you that I am grateful for your efforts, and shall continue to be very sorry that I have caused you anguish, and will do all I can to acknowledge publicly, your hard work on my behalf. I think that I shall be able to support and round the data of the report of the Department of Environmental Health in the Medical Center of the University of Cincinnati in a creditable manner. To this end, I shall devote my attention for such time as may be necessary, if I can survive and continue to work effectively.

With the kindest regards and the fullest possible gratitude for what you have done.

Sincerely,

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