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Dear George:

When the galley proof of the paper given in New York came recently, it seemed to me to be a good opportunity to get a copy of it into your hands, in the form in which it will be printed. The draft which I sent you was little altered in the final draft, but there were a few spots in it that were hardly clear enough, in my view, to carry the message. At any rate here it is, and I believe it covers the ground fairly well.

I have learned from Emil that I missed seeing you recently, and he told me of his conversation with you about the work he and Dr. Gross plan to do to help me get this under way before further lapse of time. It has been difficult to get this going for a number of reasons which I won't bother you with, but I think it will get under way very soon. It will not be possible to use up the available funds this year because of the late start, but, by the end of the year, I shall have the "feel" for its working out, and I can propose to you how we might continue the work in 1970. I am making no assumptions, and I have made it clear to Emil that I am the responsible person in this investigation.

The other experimental work is going on very well. I have checked on the results periodically and am up to date with the analytical work as of this week. I am surprised to find that this subject has not shown any obvious response even to the 14 hours per day on 6 days per week. Great care will have to be taken with the assembling and initial analysis of the entire mass of the data of this experiment, and I shall be able to get at this promptly on my return from Japan and Australia. At that time, I shall prepare an initial report and summary, and will be ready to submit the data to you and to Stopps for such critical examination of them as may ensue. No publication will be based on them until this has been done, for one thing which I am very likely to raise of the two of you, along with such others as you may wish to consult, is the question of the desirability of a further crucial (?) experiment.

I have gathered, from a telephone call received some weeks ago from Stopps, that he (and perhaps you share his view) is somewhat impatient to get at the data of these experiments. I tried to make it clear to him that I have no intention of submitting the data to anyone until I have had a chance to examine them by the methods I have used before. On the other hand, I welcome the help that has been proffered, at the proper time. I must act fully responsibly, however, for these are data of the Laboratory, only. Their mere assembling, into some appropriate form, is a very large job and while part of this has been done, I wish to get to the original items, examine them from the viewpoint of their credence, and make

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sure that nothing unusual or perhaps erroneous, resulting from sampling, analysis, calculations and the like, appears in them without recognition and such explanation as can be provided. I do not mean by this that raw data will be altered or eliminated for any reason, but rather that aberrant features will be examined with care and in the spirit of inquiry.

I shall leave a fairly full itinerary with Mrs. Peaslee, and in case there is any reason for wishing to get in touch with me, it can be done. Lucile and I leave Cincinnati on September 8 and go from San Francisco on the 12th for Tokyo. We leave Tokyo for Sydney, Australia on September 30th, arriving on October 1st. After a tour of Australia and New Zealand, we go by Matson Line Steamer Monterey to San Francisco, leaving Sydney on October 28, arriving in San Francisco on Friday, November 14th. I'll be seeing you soon thereafter.

With my best greetings for your good lady and with the kindest regards to both of you,

Sincerely,

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