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D. G. F. Black
Chicago Ill.

Dear Doctor Black
While waiting for
your impressions of the paper I sent
you I want to answer some of the
points raised in your letter of the 20th
just received.

It may be after you have read it that
there may seem to be several things
that could be left out and perhaps
there are but I just want you to bear
in mind that I have tried to embody
all the known facts that have been
brought out in the investigation and
everything that would seem to have a
bearing upon the problem so that the
paper in its first presentation shall
be as complete as possible to make it,
even at the risk of making it too
long. This has been my thought right through.
I shall be perfectly willing to cut out
anything that really can be without
loss or making the subject.

I readily agree that your treatment and description of the histo-pathology as the beginning and preceding my paper will be the ideal arrangement. I should think, indeed it would seem imperative that you illustrate your article sufficiently to show the histology much as shown by the photo-micrographs that you made of these teeth early in our study.

I have just submitted two of my typical color slides to Dr. Kirk to see if they can work out the illustrations in colors which I very much hope can be done. In publishing these articles I should think it would be an excellent plan if at least an installment of mine could commence immediately following yours in the same journal to connect the two papers intimately as indeed they are in fact.

I am very much interested in your determination of the name "brownin" for the coloring material and anticipate that you will work out completely this color phase of the teeth in your paper.

With your permission I can alter what I have written so as to apply this name "brownin" where ever applicable.

I note also your suggestion as to a change in the title of the paper with the idea of simplifying it. The title you suggest for your paper seems entirely satisfactory but I would like to bring out two or three points relative to the title I have submitted to you in my paper.

It is long I will admit but I framed it with the idea of comprehensiveness, so that the main statement

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of the title embraces the essential facts regarding the paper and the condition with which it deals.

Just is indicated that it is an "Investigation"; then that the lesion has a dual phase "Mottled Enamel" and "Brown Stain"; that these are "co-related"; that the condition is "Endemic"; that it is "Developmental"; that it is "Dystrophic"; and finally that it occurs only in certain geographic areas which is one of its chief characteristics.

Now if you will pardon my calling attention to the failure of the title you suggest for my paper to indicate that I am writing about an "investigation" rather than a condition, and that it fails to bring out any of the salient points in the condition except that it is "endemic."

Also there may be a question in stating that the lesion has not been "heretofore known." Not generally known it is true but it has been "known" to at least some people, my title regarding it, it is true. I will be glad if you will consider carefully these points as above noted and write me further for I do feel that the title should

be as comprehensive as possible even at the risk of
being too long.

The title you suggest for your part seems perfectly
applicable because you are describing a condition of
the teeth or more correctly speaking a kind of enamel
while I am describing an invagination as you readily
see by what I have sent you.

I feel that I should cut out all attempts to describe
the lesion that may conflict with or repeat what you
are to write.

I am stimulated again by your very kind words and
the evidence of your interest with me in this problem.

Waiting your further advice and with my
best good wishes as usual I am

Sincerely yours.

Frederick S. McKay.

P.S. - Please excuse use of paper as I am writing this
at home and find shortage of stationery.