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Dear Doctor Black:-

I was very glad indeed to have your letter after these many months and to know that you were again in your usual health. I have had some correspondence with Arthur and I was beginning to get a little anxious in reference to some of the things I mentioned to him, inasmuch as ~~the~~ paper which I have been working upon has assumed larger proportions than I at first had any idea of, and I am anxious to see my way through it. I believe that my chief concern in the letters to him was regarding this question of whether you were going to be able to prepare that part of it dealing with the histo-pathology or whether you were expecting me to present that part of it as quotations from what you had previously written and put in my hands. I was also concerned in this latter event in getting the material from you for the illustrations.

I don't believe there is the slightest misunderstanding between us on the question of your part in the publishing of this paper. My understanding has been that you were to write this histology and pathology and describe your impressions of the condition and that the rest of the investigation was to be left to me. I have looked over a lot of your correspondence with me and I find that I am amply verified in this opinion by what you have written to me.

Now as to the missing paper which you speak of. I have a copy of the first report which you made, addressed to our Chamber of Commerce. Later on you sent me several lantern slides and another paper in which you described the histology. If either of these is the paper you refer to, then of course I have them, but I know nothing of any other writing upon the subject nor do I remember that you ever wrote me that you had prepared a third paper.

My work thus far has been to take every item, fact or incident from the original records of the investigation that I felt really had a place in the paper, elaborate upon these and arrange them in proper sequence and relation with the other facts until I now have the thing probably in something like completed shape, although there is still a good deal to do in inserting things here and there as fast as I determine where they belong. I have not written the conclusions yet at the end of the paper. For the time being I have inserted these parts of your original report and also of your descriptions of the histology, which I thought should be used, into the body of the paper. In doing this I have made some minor changes,

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principally in the way of covering up names of localities and the like. I also have omitted various things which come too close to indicating the names of localities.

We both have realized from the outset the absolute necessity of concealing the names of these places and the more I think of it the more I am determined that I could not consent to publish this thing unless I could conceal the localities, for I am satisfied that I would lay myself open in my own community and in the state to the severest censure if I were to state the names of these places. Consequently I have designated these communities by fictitious capital letters which are meant to be as unlike the real capital initial of a city's name as possible. For instance Colorado Springs is L-, Manitou is X- and so on through the alphabet. Neither have I named the state but refer to it in a general way as the Rocky Mountain Region. There are other localities where the danger to commercial injury is negligible, as for instance, certain parts of Arizona. So I have not been so particular in dealing with them but in general my policy has been to conceal localities. and I feel that I shall have your co-operation on this point.

It will take me some time yet to get this paper into shape to send you but I shall do so as soon as possible but if this missing paper of which you speak of is one which I have never seen then I should say the wise thing to do, to economize our time, would be for you to send me a copy of this as you suggest for I might find that I would have to alter my present arrangement of material considerably before sending my paper to you.

Now as to the publishing of this joint material, which plan do you think preferable? Should they be combined under one title with a joint author-ship or should they be published as near the same time as possible, each as a complete paper in itself or should they be published totally independent of one another? I don't know that I have ever heard you express yourself on these points. If you were to ask my preference in the matter, it seems to me that the two are so intimately blended and therefore hard to disassociate that I should think they ought to be published in as close relationship as possible. I would be glad to have your opinion on this matter.

Some months ago I took up the matter of publishing this paper in the Cosmos, with Dr. Kirk, who assured me that he would undertake it. I also have accepted an invitation to read a twenty minute essay on this subject at the Panama-Pacific Congress in September but in sending in my title, which I indicated in my last letter to you, I reserved the right to publication, at Dr. Kirk's suggestion. In reply to this the Chairman of the Program Committee noted this reservation and wrote me that it had been referred to the General Committee. This was several weeks ago and I have heard nothing since. If I am denied this right of reservation I shall withdraw the paper from the Congress, because we have agreed out here that we will not be satisfied to limit the publication of this matter to the Proceedings of the Congress. All papers and discussions for the Congress must be in the hands of the Program

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Committee, May first and in the hands of those who are to discuss it early enough so that their discussions shall be in by that date. If the paper is to be read at the Congress in summarized form, but published in full, independently, it would hardly be right to have this come out before October, in which case of course there is still plenty of time. But if the whole thing has to be ready, as I assume that it will be, by May, then there isn't much time and I should think that it ought to be ready by the first of April. I have designated as the discussers, Drs. Noyes, Bromell and Hopewell-Smith.

Regarding the illustrations. I should think that the slides of the histology should be used exclusively in your paper and I could then refer to it. It is my intention to illustrate my part of it as fully as the publishers will permit. I have several slides already on hand and am still adding and of course you are welcome to any of these you may wish to use but I will suggest that if the paper is published jointly there will be little necessity of duplication of any illustrations, which might simplify things.

I have gone at length so that you might know exactly how the matter now stands and I agree with you that the important thing now is for you to get this paper of which you speak, to me as soon as possible so that I may get my bearings, after which we can consider details further.

I remain,

Again expressing my pleasure from hearing from you ,

Sincerely yours,

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