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Dr. Frederick S. McKay,  
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Dear Doctor:-

I have just been through your two letters of September 21st and 22nd, and I have the teeth and have looked at them. They are great specimens.

I had intended to visit you this summer - indeed I had expected to make that my vacation, until this matter of going to Alaska came up and it was rather insisted that I make that trip. At first the arrangement was that I should go to Colorado Springs and spend a week or two, and the other fellows come along after me, and for me to board the train as they passed, but I didn't get ready in time and couldn't do it, and when the time came to go to Alaska there was no time left. So I couldn't do anything else but just ride right through Colorado Springs and never say "turkey" to anybody. I looked out to see if I could see you anywhere on the trains or anything of that kind, to have a little chat with you, but I did not.

I am surprised at your people there in Colorado Springs withdrawing that appropriation. What is the matter with them anyway? Certainly they ought to do that much. I get out of patience. But the dentists of the state will see you through I haven't the least doubt. If the dentists of your state can't do it, I think the dentists of other states will take some interest in it. It is an important problem simply from the scientific standpoint, and from that standpoint alone there is sufficient reason to appropriate some

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money to work the thing through. It is no use for a community to throw all the burden of such an investigation upon a few persons, and they should not do it. I was very sorry not to spend some time with you this summer, but it fell out so that I could not, as I have said.

Now these teeth I will examine more carefully and see what I can do with them to the best advantage. It is rather my opinion that I had better take some of the blackest of them and try some processes of bleaching and see what can be done at that, and make sections of some of them, and so on. I will try to make the best use of them possible, to throw some light on the subject.

Now, doctor, the paper that I wrote just after I was out to see you, has never been printed. What do you think to be the consensus of opinion in your Society about printing that as I would prepare it for publication in the Society's Proceedings, with this last year's proceedings? It ought to see the light some how. I could temper it some as far as Colorado Springs is concerned, but it seems to me that we have waited long enough, and Colorado Springs has not done enough in this matter. You know what I mean. Of course we should have every courtesy shown to the dentists of Colorado Springs and vicinity, in any matter that is printed, and I should publish nothing not approved by you and the dentists of Colorado Springs. In preparing the paper for publication, a great amount of material would be left out, for much was written

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there simply to try to influence the Colorado Springs people. In preparing it for publication I should devote myself exclusively to the scientific aspects of the case, leaving out everything else. Now tell me what you think about it.

Very truly,

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