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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of the 30th inviting me to attend the Second Phosphorus Symposium. I have no doubt that this will be as successful as the first, and therefore regret that I have no present prospect of being able to attend.

I suppose you must have had me in mind principally in relation to Session 4, and especially Hotchkiss' paper. Dr. Robert Austrian of your own university will undoubtedly be in an excellent position to provide a commentary. If you want something from further away, and in absentia, I could provide a written discussion of Hotchkiss' ms., as we have developed some ideas of our own about transductions from studies with Salmonella. This would probably be inappropriate, and so I shall assume unless I hear from you further.

With best wishes for yourself as well as the symposium,

Yours sincerely,

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