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re Serafini / Pauling.

Thank you for your letter of April 16, and for its suggestions about Davies and others

The "lousy experiment" had to do with the utter lack of control of specificity, even with the simple precipitin tests. Merrill Chase and Elwyn Kabat tell me it was notorious that denatured globulin would precipitate with a variety of (acidic) materials and this was noted (but only occasionally published *) as a damning critique of the experiments.

As to Pauling's towering theoretical insight — I think I did pay tribute to that in my article.

Again, thank you
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