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Dear James:

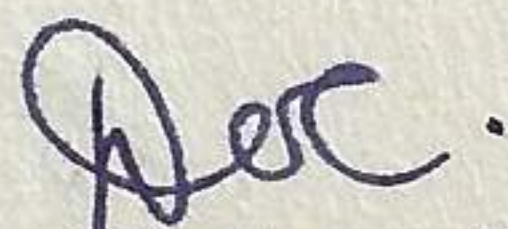
The necessity of calling upon you for information probably is the mother for the writing of this letter. Both of us should have written to each other many times before. Nevertheless, I want you to know that I have many occasions to think about you and our associations in the past. We were quite pleased at home to receive word about you through a recent visit by your father. He has been most kind to write to me on many occasions during the past and has helped me keep in contact with you.

The question involved in writing you is this. In 1947 your thesis was selected as the best piece of research work done that year. The Sigma XI club at that time should have provided you with a gold key award. Did you receive a gold key award? The reason I ask the question, is that as president of the chapter for this year, I had to follow through this award. When I went to the jewelers to get the medal and have the name of the winner placed upon it, I discovered a key with your name in the files of the jeweler's shop. Either two keys were made and one was retained or else the key was made and never picked up and presented to you. Will you let me know whether you received this key or not. If you did not I shall send this one to you immediately.

We understand that you have high hopes and aspirations of a visitation of Alaska to do some work. You will be interested to note that Dr. Hayward is quite envious of you in this respect because that is one place he has always wanted to go. Nevertheless, I believe I have weaned him away from the alpine regions for he has taken a great liking to the deserts, the past few years spending most of his field work time in southeastern Utah, especially in the area of Arches National Monument. We have just returned from a week's survey of the region between Bluff, Utah and Moab, collecting a nice series of rodents. You might also be interested to know that yours truly apparently picked up Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Tularemia on that same tour. I had quite a rugged time but with modern medicine I was able to come through without much difficulty. (so far)

I wished you were with us again while we planned our summer work and field trips for we are retracing the old trails again which you and I travelled and doing it with an eye to the collection of ectoparasites. I am trusting that this letter finds you and the family in the best of health.

Sincerely yours,



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