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Dear Dr. Coburn,

I have your note of November 29th and I can certainly understand your agitation. I thought I had acknowledged your letter of September 28th, but I guess I just misunderstood that you had wanted that material back. I return forthwith what I believe to have been included in your mailing but please let me know if I have lost sight what was intended.

I have had some interesting correspondence with the Tennessee Archives based on your hint, although I regret that very much interesting material just is not deposited there. I will be in New York next month and will be making some further inquiries at Rockefeller about whether there still remain some documents perhaps in Dr. Hotchkiss' purview.

As you may know Olby is writing an extensive book "On the Road to the Double Helix" in which he certainly is going to place Avery's contribution in the central perspective that it deserves.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Genetics

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