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Dear Al:

There is another matter I should like to call your attention to at present, although I had intended to write to you soon after I read Chapter 15 of your book.

You will recall that at your request I sent you in April 1942 a protocol of the absorption test, the Rh and Hr specificity to be used in your chapter on the Rh factor. This letter you apparently lost so that on April 26, 1942, a Sunday evening, I called on you with Mrs. Levine and I left the data you desired. Please refer to your letter to me dated April 24, 1942.

Undoubtedly, you wished to include the results of my parallel tests of 334 random bloods of all groups, and also the relationship of the Hr factor to the subdivisions of the Rh factor. These I have presented at several meetings, particularly at the symposium of the New York Pathological Society.

On May 11, 1942 you sent me this chapter a copy of which I made. (See my letter to you of May 21, 1942). Somewhat later I read it and was pleased that you treated the matter-your contributions and mine- very objectively. I was particularly pleased to see under the caption of the table (52a, page 254 of your book) the phrase "modified after Levine." To my amazement I found that you deleted this in the galley and in your book. You must remember that I still delayed publishing this table because I felt that you were handling the situation properly. I never expected this significant deletion, and it is significant because a table of this sort is apt to be republished by other workers and it will be republished by others as "after Wiener." The remark in your text "Levine has studied the relationship between the three varieties of anti-Rh sera, and his findings are included in table 52a," will certainly not be republished.

Actually your only contribution to the table is the addition of the column "Originally Described By". Let me also point out another addition to the table not present in the draft you sent me. This is column 3. The footnote should have read "This designation was adopted by Levine after discussion with Drs. Landsteiner and Wiener." This is however a minor point compared to the more serious deletion "modified after Levine."

Perhaps you can explain to me why you found it necessary to make this deletion. In the event that you agree with me that this deletion is a mistake on your part, have you any suggestions to offer?

Sincerely yours,

Philip Levine, M.D.