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Dear Abe,

How nice to hear from you.

One of the main things that have happened here since you visited four years ago is a little girl, Annie, who just celebrated her third birthday! She is great fun. As my wife is just beginning to start a practice in psychiatry, having previously specialized in pediatrics, you can imagine that we're pretty busy.

In fact, I have been thinking very concretely, and quite a lot, about Stuyvesant recently and I just wonder if you might be able to be some help in digging up sources. The kinds of things I am looking for are indicated in my correspondence with Fabbriante. I have not yet heard from Wortman, which hopefully might help me cover that ground.

The most specific documentation I have been able to find is a small book called "Specialized High Schools in New York City" that was put out by the the Board of Education in 1946, and which has a fairly long chapter on Stuyvesant by Fred Schoenberg. I don't get a really clear picture from that how students were recruited so as to be interested in taking the entrance examination, and how that examination was prepared, validated, and administered. I guess some of these questions, like follow-up evaluation of the Stuyvesant program probably have never been systematically analyzed and we do have to rely on the obvious but anecdotal evidence of people we know who have been through the program.

But if you have any other leads in this direction, I would certainly appreciate having them. With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Genetics