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Dear Martin,

Thank you for your note of January 23rd. I am delighted to have your tidbits of comment and find each of these communications most instructive. I wonder if you might think of collecting a number of your reminiscences like those you have just communicated to me, so that others may have the benefit of a glimpse of what goes on in the history of a science beyond what appears in the final record of formal publication.

Your remark about the virucidal effect of Mansonia saliva intrigues me in connection with possible explanation for the enigma of the failure of yellow fever to take hold in South Asia despite the prevalence of species that should be able to function as effective vectors. What I have in mind is that Aedes in India may represent either a different physiological variety or when living in a different environment function differently than the same mosquito in South America. If you know of other explanations of the non-occurrence of yellow fever in South Asia, I would be interested in your views about it.

Sincerely yours,

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