

Professor A.N. Richards,  
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Letter to Professor Richards continued.

I may say that Dr. Stengel presented the possibilities in Philadelphia perfectly definitely and clearly before we left, and I regret not to be able to co-operate with him.

With best regards,

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