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Dear Doctor Penfield:

I have come back from my vacation bringing with me some of the things that I might have attended to in the long and pleasant hours of sunshine and salt water. Your note of the 7th of August is one of them. The plea you make that my personal appearance at the opening might strengthen your hand, and that absence will work in the opposite direction is something that I had not thought of seriously, and which, of course, requires me to concede myself an influence which I very much doubt is the case. This last I say because it seems clear that the Foundation would hardly have made the grant, had the things that you stand for been foreign to its sympathy.

I wish there were other ways less conspicuous and less open to other criticisms in which I could wish you my personal sympathy. I still think that it is best for me not to appear at that particular time, and I know that you will ascribe my feelings to nothing more than a little different estimate of the implications than you have yourself.

Sincerely yours,

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