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Dear Charles:

It has been some weeks since you stopped by in St. Louis. I hope that the opportunity in Philadelphia works out to your satisfaction.

After playing with the polarization device that you left with me these many weeks, I find that we have observed transient changes in some patients but which, nevertheless, warrant more intensive study. I do not believe the effects are simply those of suggestion and these currents do, indeed, reach and affect the brain. I have asked our electronics assistant, Mr. Kettman, to build six such instruments and as soon as these are ready, I plan to do a systematic study in retarded and withdrawn subjects. Since, however, I have kept your instrument for many weeks I am sending it back to you in a separate package. We have had to make some changes in the electrodes but the set in the package functions well. Thank you for lending these to me.

My best regards for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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