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My dear Dr. Hamburger:

I am indeed sorry to learn that prospects at Washington University are not what we had hoped for. Professor Grave has spoken to me so enthusiastically about your work, and I do not need to be told that only the state of the University finances prevents the promotion that your work and accomplishments entitle you to. I am of the same opinion about your work and will be glad to be of aid to you if my recommendation should still carry any weight. Since I have retired I am not usually consulted by institutions about appointments and I therefore do not know the opportunities that may exist in the different institutions. I suppose that you have explained your situation to your other friends in the different universities who are more likely to be better informed than I am. In any event, I feel that you have a good base for another position when opportunities are propitious.

I am sorry that we do not retain anybody here who is familiar with the technique of the chorio-allantoic transplantations for I have run on to a problem in renewing my work on the feather germ that I would like to have tested by this method. Perhaps I may be able to arrange it here.

I am happy to say that both Mrs. Lillie and I are continuing very well. We send you and your family our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Frank R. Lillie