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Dear Benjie:

I am sending enclosed the manuscript of Stefanelli which I have gone over carefully. I think that it is in acceptable shape but it requires considerable polishing which I am sure Dr. Glass could do. I have made some slight improvements, and I have gone over the German titles in the bibliography carefully.

I think the contents of the manuscript are of considerable interest for the American readers and the organization of the paper is quite good. I think it should be stated on the top of page 3 that this is not an exhaustive review but that it stresses the work of the Italian workers. This would protect the author against the accusation that he has not covered the American literature exhaustively.

If you think that it is necessary to submit the paper to an expert on Mauthner cells, I would suggest either Platt or Jane Oppenheimer.

Concerning the figures, I think the confusion about figures 7 and 8 has been eliminated. The change in numbering has been made correctly in the legends, but the author forgot to change the numbers on the actual figures. This latter, I did, and now everything is o.k. I do not think that the two plates contribute much to the understanding of the text. I suggest that they be omitted entirely. The prints are very poor and the reproduction would not show the essential features. If he insists on photographs, he should submit better and larger prints. However, I feel that more than one new print would not be justified.

Holtfreter has done a good deal of work on the manuscript but I am still behind. However, I hope I can finish it during the Christmas vacation. Twitty is also at work and hopes to be finished by Christmas.

My best personal regards,

Yours,

Viktor Hamburger

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