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My dear Dr. Carrel:

I want to thank you for the illuminating hour that I spent with you last Wednesday.

You gave me a great deal to think about. When you said that the investigations that you were carrying on ought to interest me as an exhibit of organization - you were right. I find that that is what my mind goes back to now.

I understand better, after going through the Mousery and listening to your explanations of your charts, what you said at the start of my visit - that the Rockefeller Institute is a triumph of organization but not a place for personal research and fine thinking.

It is a grave question which you raise. I believe you have put your finger on the weakest point in our American intellectual life. I am sure it is the weakest thing in our industrial life. I hope, my dear Dr. Carrel, that sometime in the future, when I have thought more thoroughly of what you showed me you will let me talk with you again. There is a parallel here to what goes on in our industrial life; a parallel worth developing, as a help to straight thinking in a field, which has always interested me so deeply - the field of business and industrial activity.

Thanking you again for the fine experience that you gave me, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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