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My dear Mr. Hammond:

Please believe I appreciate your courtesy in sending me so promptly the copy of your manuscript. I wanted it particularly now for information on the work of the General Electric in the war, and Mr. Young's relation to that work. The resume of the companies activities is brilliant, and all that I could desire, but I do not find much of Mr. Young in it.

Could you give me from your notes or knowledge some idea of his special work? Was it largely the making of contracts with the Government? I know he went almost weekly to Washington.

I realize how difficult it is in a great co-operative undertaking such as the G.E. was carrying out to pick out any one individual; but my job is to find out if I can just what Mr. Young was doing along with his fellows in the war, and to present this without in any way underestimating the work of any other individual or over-estimating his part for that matter.

As the General Electric historian, what have you to say about this?

Of course what you have to say is for my guidance and not necessarily, certainly not without your permission, for quotation.

Very sincerely yours

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