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Dear Dr. Palmer:

You asked me to remind you of the fact that I do not want any change, even so much as a comma, made in anything that appears in connection with my name, unless I have personally approved of the change.

This does not at all mean that I do not recognize that there are many places at which what I have written may be greatly improved. It is only the fact that even the change of a comma, which might appear quite innocuous to the non-specialist, could alter the sense in a way that would be highly embarrassing to me. I shall be glad to give careful attention to any suggestions whatever that may be made about what I have written but it is my invariable rule to insist that no changes be made in any manuscript that I prepare without their first being presented for my approval.

When I last talked with you it was my expectation that I would be able to cut out a sentence here and there and materially to shorten what I had written. The task proved quite different from what I had expected. The places where I noticed that a few words could be omitted without affecting the readability and clarity did not seem to be enough to make any material difference in the length. Many of my discussions have purposes which might not immediately be apparent to the non-specialist, but which seemed to me to give vital help where needed to the one who desires to work into this field. Consequently I found myself unable to shorten the manuscript at all. In fact, when it came to final typing, I noticed that the right-hand margin was much too narrow and its enlargement resulted in adding about four pages and thus bringing the total above 100 pages.

My own judgment would be that in an encyclopedia of this type every word that I have written would be of value. However, I recognize that you and Mr. Green may have a different idea. If so, I shall be much interested in knowing which sections you decide to omit. Of course, you are at liberty to do whatever you want in this regard. However, I feel that I ought to be informed of your intentions in order that I might see what changes might be necessary to maintain continuity and to remove anything else that depends for its understanding upon the portions that you decide to omit.