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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Haggerty:

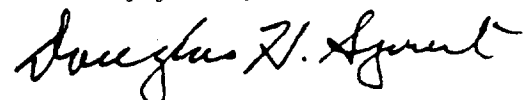
As my secretary wrote you, I was out of town when your letter of June 22 arrived with the photostat of the letter about Tung Oil from Mr. Watts.

I was quite provoked to see my name being used quite freely and incorrectly in this letter and have taken steps to see that it is not done again. I spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Casey here in Memphis trying to make him see how the clinical possibilities of tung oil should be studied. Apparently, I was completely unsuccessful.

As far as I can find out, tung oil does have certain interesting physical characteristics. There are a number of interesting biological claims made for it which might be true, but there is certainly no evidence worth talking about to support them.

I wish to thank you for calling this letter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,



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