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Dear General Churchill:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 24th.

After writing you last, Colonel Mauborgne came into the office and his conversation was something that I could not comprehend. He pulled out his note book and read me three or four pages of what he had written and desired me to acquiesce and acknowledge that that was the opinion of Riverbank in regard to some proposed modifications he proposed to make. I told him I did not see what he was trying to get at. In the first place, we would not use that language and in the second place, in order to have no misunderstanding, I would dictate a letter there and then, copy of which I attach and that if, in his report, he embodied anything else, he would have to do it on his own hook.

There appeared to be wheels within wheels. That particular system has been modified no less than three or four times and none of those modifications have taken into consideration the fundamental principles of the workings of the machine which can be reduced to mathematics. This is often a hard, long arduous task.

Under pressure, Colonel Mauborgne forced an opinion from me that this last, proposed modification was impractical on the face of it. His answer was that I had no right to take that position and that it was practical and I told him that the letter I had just dictated in his presence was our reply.

There are some other matters that I would like to talk to you about when next we meet. I shall probably be in Washington sometime, about the 23rd of next month.

Please consider this letter in strict confidence and destroy it.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. F. Hall', written in a cursive style.

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