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Dear Henry:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter of February 3, to Mr. William Gruen. We made the same offer to him, and I had lunch with him and his colleagues from Holland last Friday. Presumably they will leave one machine here, and send a second one shortly. I would like to do a "cross-over" study, i.e. four independent pressures on each of a sizeable sample of people, two with his instrument, two with the standard procedure. We can then see whether the instrument is of greater or lesser reliability than the usual procedure.

We will keep you posted on what actually happens. This seems to be the most intriguing advance in this field we have come across.

Warm good wishes.

Cordially,

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