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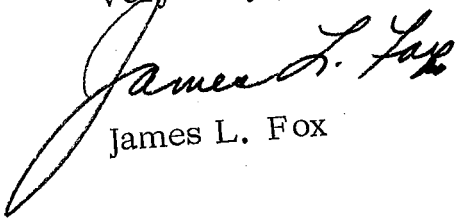
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Unfortunately, your letter of the 24th arrived after I had already set in motion the machinery incident to the issuance of a subpoena from the Judge who is hearing the FTC proceedings in which you will appear as a Government witness. It is my understanding that the subpoena has issued calling for your appearance on Thursday, April 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court in the United States Courthouse in Minneapolis. Your deposition will be taken before a court reporter and transcribed. I do not know whether or not the FTC attorneys will be present at the taking of the deposition. They have been notified.

I regret that an apparent misunderstanding on your part of my conversation with you on the 24th triggered the response which ended in the change of our procedure to a formal deposition rather than an informal interview. Be that as it may, I think that it is in the best interest of all concerned that your testimony be taken officially and transcribed. Certainly this suit is being fought in what both sides believe to be the public interest. We respect your stature in the scientific-medical community, and you can be assured that you will be extended every courtesy which a fellow professional can extend under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,


James L. Fox

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