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Dear Wiener,

Thanks for the set of preprints that you send with your letter of May 13th. I suppose at that time you had not seen the letters which appeared in Nature of May 5th, which had perhaps not yet reached the United States. I think you may now agree that there is reason to think that more than one antibody reacts with the Rhesus-negative cells and that these, so far as the data now go, conform with the theory of three pairs of allelomorphs which I had previously put forward.

I do not think I am justly exposed to the criticism of altering the notation capriciously, since I have used your symbols for the 6 allelomorphs which you discovered independently of Race and Taylor, and Race's symbols for R_7 , the seventh allelomorph which he added the year before last. The other symbols I have used are designed to give the key to the mutual relationships of these allelomorphs and the antibodies with which they react. I believe this key is in fact

being found useful. I can see no reason for introducing new symbols for R_y and R_z once their relations with the others have been recognized.

I particularly hope that quarrels as to notation among the rather few experts to whose labours the elucidation of this complex and important factor is due will not be allowed to discredit a very fine piece of medical and genetic research.

Yours sincerely,