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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

14 March 1950

Dr. Selman A. Waksman
New Jersey Agr. Exp. Station
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Waksman:

I was shocked to read of the "suit" brought against you by one of your former students. As an admirer of your scientific ability, personality and integrity for the past quarter century, I am writing to express my own feelings and what I know are the sentiments of your colleagues throughout the country. I know that throughout your career you have bent over backward in seeing to it that the students working under your direction have always received due credit for their part in any undertaking. I am convinced, without knowing any of the particulars, that it was this generosity on your part that made the present situation possible.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Waksman, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Stanley Thomas
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DEPARTMENT OF
PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY

March 14, 1960.

Dear Doctor Waksman:

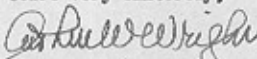
The enclosed letter for some reason or other recently reached my department. In my opinion it is probably addressed to you and I am forwarding it to you directly.

I was distressed to learn recently that one of your former associates, Doctor Albert Schatz, who for a brief period was associated with the Division of Laboratories and Research of the New York State Department of Health here in Albany, is suing you and Rutgers University for part of the proceeds of the sale of Streptomycin. All of us have honored you for your action in turning over these funds to Rutgers University to be used for research purposes. I am very sorry that Doctor Schatz, whom I knew slightly when he was in Albany, has debased himself by taking the action he has.

I hope you will find that the enclosed letter is meant for you.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,



Arthur W. Wright, M.D.

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Doctor Selman Waksman
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, N.J.

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The State University of New Jersey

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 15, 1950

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Dr. Selman A. Waksman
College of Agriculture

Dear Dr. Waksman:

This is just a line to express the hope that you will not let Dr. Schatz's action bother you or cause you any anxiety. It represents in my mind a most contemptible piece of ingratitude but I am sure we shall all be wise to let it go at that. You know the measure in which you enjoy the confidence and affection of your friends and admirers, both in your own circle of acquaintances and the scientific world at large and this should constitute, I am sure an unflinching source of reassurance.

The matter is in the best possible legal hands and while the incident is a source of temporary annoyance it can have no effect upon our ultimate purposes. Be sure to let me know if there is anything you would like to have me do.

Yours sincerely



Robert C. Clothier

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" Why did that Brooklyn scientist wait five years before declaring himself joint-discoverer of streptomycin? When he sued Rutgers Research Foundation -- and chemist Dr. Selman Waksman -- for an accounting, he said he had helped discover the wonder-working drug. Wants part of the profits from the Foundation, which is philanthropic.

" With a reverse twist, this reminds insiders of the unpublicized spat about development of "heavy water," forerunner of atomic energy. When Dr. Harold Urey got Nobel Prize for his work, he sent his assistant, George Murphy, a check for \$1000. Murphy returned the check, not claiming joint credit but saying he would rather have his name as joint-worker on one scientific mag article than all the money in the world. Dr. Waksman included the name of the Brooklyn student helper in some articles, which is the usual practice when a graduate student works on his professor's project."