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Dear John:

I'm passing your letter over to Scotty and having talked with him about it, it's clear that a number of animals won't be included in a report as soon as November 2nd. However, the bulk of the data are in and we'll get you a report in proper time for the trial. It now looks as though I have to come to Washington on or about December 3rd in connection with our special conference with the Public Health Service's grants committees. I have been named to the Metabolism Study Section, and although I have accepted, I have deferred my appointment for one year. Nonetheless, because it's a conference on bone density, they are asking me to do this work for them this year.

As long as I'm going to be in the area, I thought I might bring Taft along with me. Is that a convenient time for you, on or about the first week in December? The conference itself is in Bethesda December 4th and 5th. We could talk about these other isotopes at that time.

On the thorium story, I'm still having fits. I'm up against my usual block: that Harold Hodge is the responsible man who offers to do the work, but who is always busy because "now the Pharmacology course is running". I am pushing very hard on this, and it appears that we are going to have to accept something of a summary type report because the original data are so scattered and badly mixed up. I am scheduling a get-together with Harold within a couple of days and will write you within a week about this. I'm sorry I am having so much trouble.

Give my regards to everybody and especially to John III.

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Best regards,

*Bill*  
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