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4th February, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Richey,

We were greatly surprised to receive cabled information from our representative in New York, that on the 30th January a "vicious press statement appeared issued by the Agricultural Department", and that our attorney had to demand a retraction, after which a retraction exonerating the expedition was issued by the Department. Since nothing of this nature ever appeared in our correspondence, we are surprised that such a statement should have been made to the press without our knowledge. The very serious nature of the matter compels me to draw your attention to this fact, and to request the favour of an explanation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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