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Dear Dr. Waksman:

After re-reading chapter XVII of your autobiography, I feel even more strongly that the whole Schatz affair should be told. I should like to see it related in a separate chapter with all the background material, so that the world may know the facts, and the matter may finally be settled. If you don't reveal them, the facts may never be brought to light, and Schatz's pretenses and pretensions\* may never be exposed.

I think you ought to tell the full story, as you related it on Sunday, mentioning, in addition to the matter included at pages 422-429:

The circumstances under which Schatz\*\* came to you for help after his release from and unhappy experience in the army; the developments in your work before Schatz became your assistant; your kindness to Schatz; the "theft" of his notebook; your recommending him to several positions and his inability or failure to retain any of them for any appreciable period; the details of the settlement; your insistence that other of your students be rewarded; and finally Schatz's law suit against his own attorneys (I am having the records checked now).

It isn't necessary to characterize Schatz or to state your opinion of him. A simple, factual statement will reveal his true character.

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\* The fly sat upon the axle-tree of a chariot wheel and said, "What a dust do I raise!"

\*\* He should be identified by name, not referred to as a "former student."