

I have tried to give you a perfectly honest objective view.

The newspaper clipping from the Boston Herald and your letter about the report of the committee in the Walsh, Swasey case at Harvard make my blood boil - that is, the report makes my blood boil, not your letter. What those mushy-minded individuals are saying is that a University needs no administrator, shouldn't have one and is seriously damaged by the existence of one, all of which to me is sheer, pure tommy rot. It is spinach of a very low variety. More than that, throughout that portion of the report that I have seen there runs an undercurrent of hostility toward Jim Conant. This is perhaps the worst part of the report, because I, like you, am devoted to him and have about as high a regard for him as almost any other person I know, for his directness, and for his integrity.

During July some time I am planning a trip to the upper waters of the Connecticut, where I am told by a distinguished fisherman - whose word I therefore seriously doubt - that there can on occasions be caught very large rainbow, two, three, four, five, six-pound rainbow. Do you suppose we could join up?

I notice the last sentence of your letter. Perhaps you forgot to whom you were writing, or do I detect just a little note of irony?

As ever,

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