

Chicago, Illinois  
October 21, 1935.

President, McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:

For the past two months, I have been endeavoring, unsuccessfully, to locate Gerald K. Sammon, who, I believe, secured a Ph.D. from your University sometime between 1927 and 1930. He had taken his preparatory work at St. Andrew's and majored in Parasitology and Bacteriology.

Upon graduation, he was employed by the United States Public Health Service and was stationed at the Camp Schofield Barracks in the Philippine Islands, under the command of Dr. J. W. Smith, Jr. During the recent 1933-1934 epidemic of amoebic dysentery in Chicago, he was given leave of absence and sent here to aid Dr. Herman Bundesen, Commissioner of Health, in his fight against *Endamoeba Histolytica*. There was no appropriation for this department when the 1935 budget was submitted to the City Council, so Dr. Sammon was left without a position. At this time, Dr. Theodore Abel, director of the Abel Laboratories, at 7 West Madison Street, Chicago, employed Dr. Sammon as parasitologist and instructor in his Laboratory School.

It was at the Abel Laboratory that I met Dr. Sammon. I had been a student at the laboratory, and he persuaded me to take some post-graduate work in Parasitology under his direction. The work was interesting, and he was an excellent teacher. He advised me that he was preparing, under the direction of Dr. Josiah J. Moore, director of the National Pathological Laboratory at 55 East Washington Street, Chicago, a movie dealing with amoebae. Dr. Moore has assured me that he was not directing this film nor was he to distribute it. He had seen Dr. Sammon but once. Dr. Sammon desired a loan of fifty-four dollars, \$54 with which to buy captions for the film, and on August 9, 1935, I gave him this sum. I received a note from him, promising payment in a month. Approximately a month previously to my loan, Dr. Sammon had borrowed \$50 from Peter McDermott and \$50 from Mrs. W. Moist, also students at the Abel Laboratories, for the purpose of making this movie.

Dr. Sammon said that the University of Chicago was to purchase the first movie on September 3, 1935. He set September 5, 1935 as the date for the preview, and Mrs. Moist, Mr. McDermott, and myself were to be present as guests. We never saw Dr. Sammon after August 23, 1935.