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Colonel Oscar N. Solbert
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Dear Colonel Solbert:

What would ordinarily be an inexcusable delay in acknowledging your letter of January 31 comes from the fact that one cannot force the recollection of the past, but if a subject is on one's mind--as your letter has been--there frequently come back occurrences with names and dates that would not ordinarily be retained. I have in mind only three things concerning Mr. Eastman.

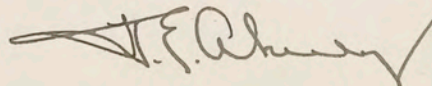
One, the absolute squareness with which he handled matters of salary even in the cases of those whom he was releasing from service.

Two, the remark that he made to Mr. Lovejoy on the occasion of Mr. Lovejoy's leaving for the big M.I.T. celebration in 1920 or thereabouts when the name of Tech's donor was to be announced. As I remember it he said, "By the way, Lovejoy, if you meet that fellow, Smith, give him my regards."

Third, someone may remember his entirely favorable remark concerning the ability of an inventor who stuck to his guns and who received from Kodak (Mr. Eastman, final negotiator) an unusually high price for a device which, as I remember it, printed rather than autographed titles on the film.

Many have undoubtedly written of Mr. Eastman's insistence that men wear their hats in elevators, and that employed women should not become ladies. If anything else comes to mind I shall be glad to pass it on to you.

Cordially yours,



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