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Dear Dr. Davison:

It has just come to my attention that the Van Meter Prize for 1942 has been awarded to Drs. Walter Mann and Charles P. Leblond for a paper entitled "Chemical Transformation of the Iodine Fixed by the Thyroid Gland".

You may or may not recall that in 1939, Hertz, Roberts, Means and Evans submitted for this prize a paper entitled "Radioactive Iodine as an Indicator in Thyroid Physiology. II. Iodine Collection by Normal and Hyperplastic Thyroids in Rabbits". Your Committee did not see fit to award the prize for this work. Subsequent to this, five other papers on the same field have been published from this Laboratory, all of which antedate Leblond's and which he quotes in his paper.

I am puzzled why the prize should have been denied to the original work and awarded to that of another investigator whose work is largely no more than a confirmation and extension of it. I wonder how thoroughly your committee looked up the literature in this field before making the award? I would be glad to hear from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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J.H. Means