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Oceanography

Dear Doctor Lillie:

President Spencer of the University of Washington was in the other day and wished to secure our interest in the support of the Puget Sound Biological Station. He presented a twofold view of the matter: (1) he considered the station to be of value both for the work which the small staff there was doing, particularly Thompson's work on the gas contents of sea water, and as a base for visiting scientists, and (2) he thought that by virtue of the interest of the state in the fisheries problem he might use this project as an entering wedge in making the legislature understand something of fundamental research.

I should be very glad if you would give me your opinion, confidentially, of the value of a modest biological station on Puget Sound, with consideration as to the work they may do there themselves and as an opportunity for visiting scientists.

I believe Chamberlain of the Department of Botany has been there.

Cordially yours,

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