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To Dr. Flick from Dr. M. C. Ravenel.

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My dear Dr. Flick:

I have just had a talk with Dr. Lewis of the N.Y. Board of Health, who is President of the American Congress on Tuberculosis. This was not of my seeking. He says that Dr. Welch and that committee have positively agreed to serve with his combination, and that he has the letters. He wants to come to Philadelphia on next Wednesday to see you (Nov. 4th). He is quite wrought up over what he thinks a great misunderstanding. He says that the present organization has nothing whatever to do with Clark Bell, and that Bell has started a second affair which is confused with the reorganized Congress, and Pease says that Bell is doing this purposely. I understand that there will be an effort made to get the association to endorse the present plan of the reorganized Congress to hold a meeting in 1905. I think it would be wise for you to come here if possible, and talk to some of the members. I don't think Dr. Welch can be depended upon - he will flop from side to side, but unfortunately will carry a great deal of weight to the side he lands on.

Very sincerely yours,

M. C. Ravenel.