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Mr. T. Commerford Martin,
33 West 39th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Martin:-

I have just finished reading "Edison at Seventy-Three", and it was a treat which I have greatly appreciated. Thank you, very much for sending me a copy.

I notice that the pamphlet was published by the Scientific and Industrial Information Bureau which I had not known of before, and I was interested in learning from Mr. Guy this morning that this is an organization in which you and he are interested. It would seem to me from the brief conversation that I had with Mr. Guy that an organization such as your Information Bureau has a field of decided usefulness in giving publicity to the work of the engineer and scientist in non-highbrow language.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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*My dear Hutchinson: Thanks
for your kind letter of 11th
and its friendly comment
on my Edison brochure.
I am glad to note also
what you say about the Bureau,
which is really aimed to do what
you have phrased so tersely and
admirably, formulating our very
idea. I realize that it is too late
for me to attempt much new
creative work, but I can still
pursue two leads that have
always interested and
occupied me — the interpretative
and the historical. of the latter*

I am already doing a good deal
but when I see how little attention
is given to the work of the great
Engineering Societies, such as the
A. S. E. in its printed contributions
to the literature of the science and
industry of each field, I am
constrained to feel that there is
need and opportunity for the
wider dissemination of such
new data and knowledge in
this engineering age. The Societies
I feel will welcome a sustained
effort of the kind, especially as
it involves no tax on them but a
benefit. All I want to do is
make the work carry itself.
and I see various proper and
legitimate ways of doing that. Guy
did much work very successfully
but less specifically, some years
ago.

Yours truly
T. M. Austin