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Dear Dr. Braisted:

Your report of the circumstances relative to influenza epidemics in Samoa, is essentially correct.

Rigid quarantine measures were instituted early enough in American Samoa to prevent the introduction of influenza.

Dear General Braisted:

It is interesting to know how you managed to prevent the disease from spreading to American Samoa.

Recently I had a talk with Dr. Alfred G. Mayer of the Carnegie Institution, who informed me that he visited Samoa at about the time of the influenza epidemic last year. He alluded to what seemed to me a very interesting circumstance, namely that through the application of rigid quarantine measures, the disease was wholly excluded from American Samoa, while it raged severely in British Samoa, some 75 miles distant.

I am wondering whether this statement is correct. I am writing you because I believe there is a naval station in American Samoa, and you most likely have the facts in your possession.

Sincerely yours,

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