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Dear Dr. Stuckey:

Due to my having been away on a trip for the past few days, there has been some delay in answering your letter of November 13. I regret the delay, and trust it has not inconvenienced you.

We have not used the Elberta variety as a parent in our breeding work, because the experience of other workers has been that Elberta does not make one of the best parents. It is an outstanding variety itself, but its seedlings seldom are an improvement over their ancestor. The J. H. Hale variety has been a much better parent than Elberta.

We have used Valiant, Vedette, Halberta, Redelberta, Goldeneast, and Golden Jubilee varieties as parents, all of which are descendants of Elberta. However, none of the progeny of these varieties has shown sufficient promise to warrant its introduction. Very few of them have been considered worth saving for further observation. Altogether, the case does not look very good for Elberta as a parent.

Sincerely yours,

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