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Director H.P. Stuckey,
Georgia Experiment Station,
Experiment, Georgia.

Dear Director Stuckey:

I have your letter of November 13th, asking for information as to our use of Elberta in our peach breeding work.

I am sorry to say that Elberta has not been a good parent in our work. We used it to a considerable extent when we first started our peach breeding work about twenty years ago, but obtained no promising seedlings where it was used as one parent. Consequently, in recent years we have not been using it.

J.H.Hale has been a very good parent for us. No one knows exactly the parentage of J.H.Hale, as it was a chance seedling. However, some think that Elberta might have been one of its parents. However, it seems to me that that is pure conjecture.

Another excellent parent in our breeding work has been South Haven, which originated by chance in an orchard of St. John peaches near South Haven. Again, no one is sure of its parentage.

The Vineland Experiment Station in Canada has used Elberta very extensively in its breeding work. I don't know how much Professor Blake has used it in New Jersey, especially in recent years.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sturley Johnston
Superintendent.

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Research, Elberta