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Dear Tucker,

Yes, I know Grünberg's book, but I have noticed that his statements are often very careless on points where he could easily have obtained correct information from my department. I do not suppose he has himself ever handled short-tailed mice of this type. The statement that there are no kidneys was made by Dunn, presumably on the strength of dissections made for him at Columbia. I do not know that Grünberg has any independent source of information. I am saying all this not at all by way of expressing a belief that my stock is not different from Dunn's; even before he sent me the material it may well, on my view, have made a partial recovery by natural selection, and I have since deliberately given it opportunities of increasing the rate of repair. My only point is that, judging from other instances, Grünberg's statements are sometimes over-confident.

I am sending off a few heterozygotes at once and hope that more will accrue from time to time so long as you want them.

Yours sincerely,