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**Letter to Prof. George M. Stratton, John Hopkins University January 26,
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January 26th, 1907.
Prof. George M. Stratton
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland.
My dear Stratton:

In studying the data on the recent California earthquake, I am struck by the conflict of evidence in the matter of sounds which were alleged to have been heard in the vicinity of the disturbance immediately preceding the sensation of the earth movement.

I have been led to suspect that when the sound vibrations are very slow that possible some people hear them fairly distinctly, while others, situated in the same place, do not hear them at all. Can you kindly give me any information as to the range of audibility of the human ear in the matter of sound vibrations at this end of the scale? Is it a fact that some people hear lower sounds than others, and if so, what is the extent of the difference as far as experimental work shows?

If you are not personally posted on this particular question, can you refer me to any literature that indicates an answer to the question that I raise?

I expect to be over in Baltimore some time in the near

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future and give myself the pleasure of looking you up. If at any time you come to Washington this spring I would be very pleased to see you here, and hope you will not overlook giving me a call.

Yours sincerely