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To the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology:

As a member of Committee F, I desire to record my dissent from the chairman's report, as follows:

This report consists of (1) a premise, and (2) a deduction therefrom.

Premise: The views held by various members of the committee concerning religion, morals and other topics are so diverse that "as in the past, it has been found impossible to unite upon any common ground" as to the merits of sterilization of criminals as a sanitary measure; hence the

Deduction: "There is no further necessity for" the continuance of a Committee on Sterilization.

The undersigned begs to suggest, as the logical deduction from the aforesaid premise, that the present members of the committee—a jury unable to agree upon a verdict—be replaced by men whose views on other topics do not incapacitate them for the study of a problem in public welfare.