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Dr G. Engelmann
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir,

For a comparison of the connected profiles of the Continent of North America, you will greatly oblige me by filling up the accompanying blank, as far as you can conveniently do so, from such Railroad Profiles and other sources as may be accessible to you.

The headings of the various columns will explain themselves.

I would like you to state the probable accuracy of such results as you may send; and, besides having the reference of your Datum Plane to the level of the sea (or known points on rivers or lakes) it will be of great use to have the heights of intersections with other railroad routes or lines of survey.

I should esteem it a favor to have as many points of the characteristic summits, depressions and tablelands as you can conveniently furnish, which will greatly oblige.

Dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully
A. D. Bache
Superintendent U.S. Coast Survey.

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