

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Elisha Gray, January 11, 1877, with transcript

Washington January 11th, 1877. Dear Sir,

I have just been told of a conversation you and your counsel had yesterday with my counsel and Mr. Hubbard from which I infer that you feel hurt at certain remarks contained in my preliminary statement which were calculated to reflect upon the originality with you of your inventions.

I do not deny that — at the time my preliminary statement was prepared I had very strong suspicions in my mind — but I am glad to say that personal intercourse with yourself — has dispelled these suspicions and I am now ready — as I have always been since making your acquaintance — to disclaim any and all personal reflections contained in my statement. I regret that the opportunity was not afforded me of saying so upon the record, but you may use this letter as a formal disclaim and place it upon the record if you so desire.

I am, dear sir Yours truly A. Graham Bell.

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