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I feel that the interview conducted for Douglas Hallgren was very meaningful and influential at the personal level. It was very interesting to me to listen to his story of being the son of Swedish immigrants in New York City. Doug had to adapt to American culture without much aid of his parents, and it was hard for him to get accustomed to the American way of living. His parents were not very educated, and in turn, he was not pushed and motivated by his guardians to go out and seek an education. This is very appropriate to all of us at this age because college is now our choice and our decision; not everybody has the ability to go to college and out of those who do, not everybody has the motivation to succeed. Mr. Hallgren explained to us the meaning of pursuing an education and the importance of being knowledgeable in a field of our liking. Throughout the interview, Doug detailed many experiments that he was a part of, such as the cosmic meteorite and x-ray diffraction analysis. It was very interesting to hear these stories from a primary source because we were able to fully understand them with comprehensive explanations. Mr. Hallgren moved around a lot during his professional career, starting out at General Electric, moving to the Fullham laboratory, and eventually ending up at the Dudley Observatory. He made it clear that individuals should take the best possible course in order to advance their careers, and he continued to make smart decisions to move higher and higher up on the chain to seek better and better employment.