January 2, 1947

Medical Director John F. Mahoney
Staten Island V. D. Research Laboratory
U. S. Marine Hospital
Staten Island 4, New York

Dear Dr. Mahoney:

There is enclosed a list of supplies which we need at present. It will be appreciated if the lecethin, collodion and one bottle of methyl alcohol could be sent by APO. The remainder of the alcohol could be sent by the next ocean shipment.

Mr. Portney is interested in doing some work on the studies in malaria using the cardiolipin antigen. With your permission I should like to write to Dr. Fred Brady, at the National Institute of Health, asking for some parasitized chicken and human red blood cells which Dr. Brady said he could let us have if we desired.

Over the week end I made a trip to the Pinto country with Dr. Padilla in order to find some cases and to make arrangements to secure specimens for the laboratory. On the one finca we saw eight cases which were typical. When you make your visit here we should be able to go to see them together and should be able to procure samples for rabbit inoculation.

It is very difficult to do any medical work with the Indians as they are very suspicious of physicians, but we think that we have laid the ground work so that we can get biopsies the next time we see them. All of the patients showed positive serum with very high titre; in the next letter I shall send you the clinical history with the serologic findings on each patient.

Our work is now proceeding smoothly. We are continuing the serologic survey of the Prison, working at the Military Hospital and Profilaxia and are making plans to begin gonorrhea studies as soon as Miss Walker and the equipment arrive.

We wish you all a very happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Cutler
S.A. Surgeon, USPHS

Respectfully forwarded:

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