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Medical Director John F. Mahoney
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Dear Dr. Mahoney:

The report of this laboratory for the month of December is enclosed. The comparison between the three tests on the patients at San José is most interesting. In the very near future we shall have malaria studies to accompany serologic findings. In that group of patients I felt more spleens than ever before in my life, and almost every patient gave a history of at least one attack of malaria. Very few gave a history of treatment for syphilis.

We hope to be able to take you to the finca to see the cases of Pinto and then to give them Penicillin after having taken biopsies for rabbit inoculation. The cases were most interesting and am sure that you will enjoy the trip.

The shipment was removed from the Customs House on Friday, January 3rd and is now being unpacked; we are all pleased to have it. There are several questions in regard to it. First, the one cc pipettes are not graduated to the tip; as you know that slows the serologist considerably. Could you please find out whether we could exchange fifty four boxes, 36 pipettes per box, of serological pipettes and 5 boxes, 36 per box, of 5 cc pipettes for an equal number of the same EXAX Blue Line Serologic pipettes of the same capacity and graduation but graduated to the tip. I think it can be done. What we have can be return to you via an Army plane, either ATC or an unscheduled flight through here to the States.

The Military Attache here states that there is one ATC plane per month passing through here, and numerous unscheduled flights from the States. He says that for a few shipment of only 500 pounds he assured we would have no trouble in getting them here, especially if it can be sent to Kelly field from which most flights leave. He says that you should see the Commanding General of the ATC to make the arrangements.

We should like to know how to handle the disposition of the transformers. Can we sell them to the electric company for the exclusive use of the laboratory with the funds turned back to the Project? Or must they remain the property of the laboratory?

Sincerely yours,

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Respectfully forwarded

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