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Dear John:

Again I have several letters from you which I will try to answer in a single communication.

After all the plans had been completed for our trip to Guatemala, the medicos here refused to sanction my going until certain of the tests which they employ have returned to normal. Hence, I will not make the journey. I really hate to place the burden of work involved upon Doctor Arnold but that is all that can be done at the moment. There may be some last minute changes but they do not appear probable at this time.

We have arranged with Pan American Sanitary Bureau to take over the salaries of Mr. Portnoy and Miss Walker. Portnoy will receive his regular salary, the additional 25%, and \$1200 per year. Miss Walker will receive her regular salary, the 25% and \$1,000 a year in addition. This is about the best deal we could arrange at the moment. We still have to work out something for yourself and Harlow.

In regard to the supplying of Kahn antigen to the local laboratory, it can be done without placing any burden on this laboratory. Please have Portnoy increase his requisition by any amount which you feel will satisfy the needs of the local facility. Any other standard reagents which they may desire can also be supplied from here. This does not include complement which is very scarce at the moment.

Miss Walker has made reservations to leave New York on January 27th. We will cable you the time of her expected arrival.

In regard to the transformers, they may be considered as Pan American property. I do not think that there will be an accounting required by the Public Health Service. However, as

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you probably know, there may be an administrative change in the health work in Latin America. Because of this, I would suggest that all property be kept in an accountable status until such time as the character of the new structure, if any, may be determined.

We were pleased to learn of the pinto work. It should make a very informative paper. It might be the pioneer report, or have there been previous papers on the subject of penicillin therapy in pinto?

Doctor Arnold will be along early in February as planned. I hope to make the trip in the reasonably near future.

Please give my kindest regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. F. Mahoney  
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