

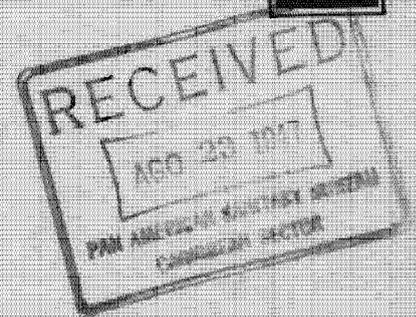


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Dear Doctor Cutler: (Through Director, Pan American  
 Sanitary Bureau)

Your recent report in regard to the lack of success in transmitting gonococcic infection has been read with much interest. The circumstance confirms the conclusion drawn from the Terre Haute study that a very important factor other than the presence of the organism must be operative in the transmission of the disease. It is becoming obvious also that experimental infection cannot be produced with sufficient frequency to assure an adequate background for a study of prophylaxis.

Because of the circumstances your opinion as to the advisability of discontinuing the gonorrhoea phase of the project for the time being would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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