June 21, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Mahoney:

Enclosed you will find copy of the agreement signed by Doctor Cumming for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Doctor Bianchi for the Government of Guatemala.

At your convenience I should appreciate final notification of the decision made by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau concerning the disposition of the laboratory upon our departure.

Inasmuch as it appears that the majority of our work will be finished within the next four to six months it is desired to have this information so as to enable the Sanidad Publica to make arrangements to use the laboratory, if it is not to be retained by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as a teaching and standardisation center.

If the laboratory is not to be run by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau Doctor Galich, of the Sanidad Publica, is planning to use it as a central laboratory for all of Guatemala. And of course it would be available for whatever work we shall want done in continuing observation upon patients in whom the laboratory is interested.

It is the feeling of Doctor Levitan and myself that the laboratory should be turned over intact to the Sanidad Publica, with the exception of the equipment lent by Staten Island, so that it can continue to function as it is now. In view of the wholehearted cooperation that we have received officially and unofficially from the Guatemala Medical profession and Government Agencies and in view of the fact that we may later want to return for other work and will want to continue to enjoy the same cooperative relationship I feel that it would be a mistake not to leave the laboratory fully equipped and functioning upon our departure.

Sincerely,

John C. Cutler
Surgeon, USPHS

Respectfully forwarded:

William J. McAnally, Jr.
Chief, Caribbean Sector
cc: Pan American Sanitary Bureau