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Dear John:

We have your letter of June 25th in regard to the program which is considered to be expedient for the final stages of the Guatemala project. The delay in answering has been caused by some uncertainty as to the legality of employing the residual of the present grant to defray expenses of the present fiscal year.

Notification has been received from the Public Health Service to the effect that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau may continue to finance the study through the terminal stages from the residual of the present allotment of funds.

Because of the above it will be agreeable to terminate the study in accordance with the plan set forth in correspondence of June 25th.

This laboratory has been advised of the program for the continued operation of the Guatemala laboratory by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. It is contemplated that the facility will serve as a training center in venereal disease control for the Central American Republic. It is felt that this culmination is the most desirable possible and that the laboratory should be capable of extending a helpful service in the future. Any assistance which you may render in establishing the training program for technical workers, public health personnel and in the field of lay education, will be appreciated.

Miss Genevieve Stout will leave for Guatemala City in the near future. She will be assigned to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the purpose of continuing the serology portion of the laboratory.

Sincerely yours,

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