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Dr. John F. Mahoney, Medical Director  
United States Public Health Service  
VD Research Laboratory  
Staten Island, New York

Through the Chief, Caribbean Sector

Dear Dr. Mahoney

Since returning to Guatemala, Dr. Levitan, Mr. Funes and I have discussed thoroughly the matter of the continuation of our experimental studies. We feel that it is highly important to leave behind enough help to assure a careful carrying out of the necessary observations. That means that besides the two medical men, we should have a man to centrifuge and prepare samples for shipment as well as to test the samples locally, a secretary to make up worksheets and to take care of correspondence, and two employees in the washroom to prepare the necessary equipment according to our specifications. It is true that the work will not be full-time, but unless we have these people on our payroll we cannot be sure of having their services whenever they are needed, especially when we may want to procure extra samples of blood, to prepare for autopsies, to ship autopsy material, etc. However they can assist Miss Stout at other times, and will have all of the equipment of the laboratory at their disposal.

Thus the following employees are felt necessary:	Monthly Salary
Juan M. Funes, M.D. Physician in charge of carrying on the present research program.	\$125.00
Julio Salvado, M.D. Physician at Insane Asylum	100.00
Rolando Funes, Serologist	125.00
Secretary-part-time. Expense of salary to be divided among VD Training Center Program and the Sanidad Pública, and the research project	25.00
Washroom employees <del>each</del>	30.00

In addition to the salaries, at least \$50 per month will be needed for payment of cigarettes for patients at the Insane Asylum, for payment of postage and express fees, for payment for autopsy aid, etc. Funds should also be available for an inspection trip from Staten Island once or twice per year. In view of the present rate of expenditure the remaining funds may not be sufficient for more

than a year. However, because of the importance of the study and because of our responsibility to the patients, it should be possible to justify a small grant for the second year to avoid any possible repercussions in the event of the complete expenditure of the present grant.

It would be appreciated if, after consultation with the FASB, an early decision can be given so as to facilitate our termination of the project.

Sincerely,

John C. Cutler  
Surgeon, USPHS

Respectfully forwarded

William J. McAnally, Jr.  
Chief, Caribbean Sector

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