

Stapleton, N.Y.
April 10, 1947.

Dear John:-

Dr. Mahoney arrived back on schedule and was in good spirits except for being a bit tired. The group stopped over in New Orleans for a while at the Lane's. He was very pleased with the dinner and the scroll. Also the trip to the Mts. and Chichié. He does not think much of the natives. Yesterday we aircarried some media, sugar (maltose) and already prepared sugars for Alice to use. Too bad you are having trouble isolating and identifying the G.C. Maybe you have the sugars mislabeled. If Alice has trouble with the things sent down from here, let us know right away. He did not say much about the Pro Kun but Van was quite disturbed over the lack of confirmation of the female donors. I will see him next week and will get more ideas. Don't put on any more shows unless you are sure of everything to the public. Better show the visiting firemen around to see the physical setup and explain that the girls are not ready for the study. Gives an unfavorable impression. Or else do a little blanket stretching. It seems that the best way would be to have the girl on regular pay for steady work, taking on several guys a day, several hours apart. Also use both the acute and chronic infections. It looks as if "Willow Run" methods will not be very satisfactory.

The experiment with induced spirochetal infections sounds very interesting. The question of supplying the acute orchitic animals. One way would be to ship cages, normals, etc. and you make the strains and transfers as needed. Another would be for us to ship 2 infected rabbits each week or two as you need them. These would have been inoculated just before shipment so that the infection would be ready for use about 10 to 14 days after shipment. Kill the animal for each study, and even those not needed which had passed beyond the acute phase and are useless for emulsion purposes. This latter method would be simpler for you and you would not have any large feeding or storage problems. The animals could stay in the larger shipping boxes until used, or we could ship down 4 cages for storage of animals as they arrive each week. The emulsion can be made easily as was done here for prophylactic studies. Use a cotton pledget under the prepuce for exposure. Better wash the area a little with plain water before exposures. The phone strike interferes with making arrangements for the next shipment but I plan to ship by air express 2 normals for the Colonel and Dr. Padilla. and 2 infected rabbits that were inoculated today. These will be marked in the ear as normal and strain or "S".

I have finished the second paper on reinfection in experimental syphilis and will submit it for approval next week. About 47% of the latent animals had complete protection by immunity to the second spirochete invasion. The 3 day Rx for primary and secondary syphilis continues to look good. That is the schedule of choice now and will be used until we get about 300 cases. The 40X85 is still OK. I am going after some of the patients treated early and failed to come back. Now I wish we had more patients on Staten Island. The Capelli's came in- both OK. So many changes have been made in the ward arrangements that you will have to go on a tour on returning to the hospital. The system improves as time marches on. Now 56B 3-D is a derm. ward under Edmundson. Morrison has moved into the back room and his new clerk is in his old office, next door. The green house will soon be ready for use, is located off the porch by the storeroom. Dr Schnell has a lot of seedlings growing and is examining them in all stages of development. She is a worker. Mrs Bell is with her- Bell developed a contact derm. in serology and had to be removed. The arsenic from Hoffman Lakoche is not very good in pro work. Maybe we should use more conc. solutions. That is a tricky job to make up.

I will confirm most of this by letter tomorrow. Hope all continues to run smoothly. Better give lee a job that will be productive as soon as possible. Mr. Harris might come down if the serological problems take over a major aspect of the study, after the pro work. Also I can come do n anytime if needed but I have lost the travel urge. The pinta rabbits show nothing yet. Looks like a failure so far unless skin lesions develop. Do you want to try some more normals- we can send if needed, Rec'd check for the books. Did you get the films? Need any more? When I get back from Washington, I'll drop you another line.

Best regards to you and Leise and all our friends there.

As ever,

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I can get Parker Pens "51" - 8⁵⁰ New Parker that looks like "51" but has conventional pen point for about 5⁰⁰ and old reliable with work ink supply for about 3⁵⁰ Also Eversharp - CA. + other types. Pen & Pencil sets are harder to get. Need any thing like that. I don't recommend the ball point any more. *ed.*