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Dr. John F. Mahoney, Medical Director  
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Dear Dr. Mahoney:

I was certainly glad to hear about the award at the Cleveland meeting and congratulate you sincerely upon it. It is about time that something like that happened to you.

We are going to Puerto Barrios tomorrow morning to see about the clearing of our equipment through customs and to arrange to send it to Guatemala City by express. There is pending here a strike of the railroad which is scheduled to take place on December 6. If that should happen it may take six weeks to two and a half months before our equipment would arrive by ordinary railway freight. Although the cost of shipping will be about twice as great we consider the added expense justified. With my uniform and a letter from the head of the Customs here, and Mr. Rojas friendship with the railroad dispatch agent in Barrios should get our equipment here and out of the railroad before the strike takes place.

We are operating our still without the electrical control box and are watching it most carefully to prevent the burning out due to the insufficient water. The matter of electrical equipment, installation and operation has given the electrical company more than a few headaches due to the very heavy load required for equipment operating at 110 volts.

Dr. Tejeda was most appreciative of your sending the parenteral protein although it did arrive too late. His wife showed considerably improvement temporarily after the use of the BAL, and then relapsed and died of what appeared to be circulatory failure.

We shall follow your suggestion about not embarking upon an extensive penicillin treatment program. We shall use our supply sparingly so as to have it available at all times for use in demonstration programs and to build good will.

There are enclosed two letters from patients which were forwarded to me here. I have answered both. In the letter to Calame, was told that you can take no steps to bring him to the States, but the suggestion was made that he has his blood tested in Holland and if negative, wait until

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arrival in New York for his spinal fluid test. The letter to Gibbons said that if his last blood test was negative he could plan to get married.

Sincerely,

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S.A. Surgeon, USPHS

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