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S.A. Surgeon John C. Cutler  
PHS 2103 - APO 839  
c/o Postmaster  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear John:

Several letters from you awaited my return from Cleveland. I enjoyed my visit to your home city and have selected the spot in the city square where they will eventually erect a monument to you. The APHA meeting was entirely painless and very informative. Harris and Thayer had papers and both did very well.

In a recent note Doctor Heller expressed a desire to visit Guatemala. He suggests a date early in February. The plan is to attend a meeting in Monterey, Mexico, on February 6th and 7th and then to proceed to Guatemala City. I will probably accompany him.

I keep forgetting that Doctor Spoto is permanently in Guatemala. Have not been sending correspondence through him but will do so in the future. I have the highest regard for his judgment and ability and I feel very fortunate in having him on the grounds.

We regret very much the loss of the essential parts of the Barnstead still. It is not the financial loss involved as much as the difficulty encountered in replacing the parts. We will contact the makers and have the items of equipment and the necessary information forwarded to you as soon as possible. Would advise the utmost caution in the handling of electrical equipment in order to avoid further difficulties in this regard.

Mr. Morrison is forwarding some forms to be used for requisitioning supplies. Many of your recent requests have been contained in the body of letters and we have difficulty in following through on their purchase. The requisition form will simplify the entire procedure.

Doctor Arnold is writing to you in the matter of the plasma protein fraction which you mentioned in one of your recent notes.

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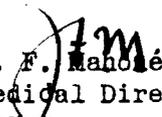
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We will not be able to make arrangements in regard to the purchase of penicillin for the Guatemalan Army. I suggest that an effort be made to arrange this matter through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. We would be more than glad to act as an agent in the matter.

A shipment of penicillin is going forward to you today. Suggest that you use it in any manner which best fits the general situation. I would also suggest the advisability of not entering into a too comprehensive program which may involve the use of more of the drug than we are able to procure.

The embargo on shipping appears to be at an end and the remainder of the laboratory equipment will be placed on board ship here on November 20th. It should reach you shortly thereafter. As far as we know all items of equipment have been provided.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. F. Mahoney  
Medical Director  
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