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Medical Director John F. Mahoney
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Dear Dr. Mahoney:

On Friday, September 30, I was asked to prepare a talk on Penicillin Therapy in syphilis to deliver to the Guatemala Medical Society on September 27. As you can imagine I had to work rather fast, and was handicapped by not having our exact figures showing the results of the schedules used at the laboratory. The speech was written in English and translated by our secretary so that I gave it in Spanish. After it was all over the Secretary of the Association asked if he could have it to publish in the November issue of the Guatemalan Medical Journal which mean that he must have it by October the 11th. I was much surprised at the request and said that it would have to be sent to you for your approval. I am enclosing the Spanish copy unfortunately I have had destroyed my original English. I am re-translating it and should have it ready to send you by tomorrow for any changes that you may see fit to make and in particular for the latest results of therapy.

In order to bring you up-to-date on the progress in the laboratory I should like to report that the work of installation is proceeding slowly and steady. I saw this morning the Minister in charge of the prison and also went to prison to meet the chief and to discuss the work. All of these concerned are very anxious to have us go to work and we hope that it will be not much longer before actual sampling of population can be undertaken. I assume that by this time you have had a chance to talk to Dr. Spete as he said that he wanted to see you when in Washington for the Nutrition Conference.

All of the group here send their kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

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