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Medical Director John F. Mahoney  
Staten Island V. D. Research Laboratory  
U. S. Marine Hospital  
Staten Island 4, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Mahoney: (Thru: Chief, Caribbean Sector)

Mr. Portnoy now has the laboratory running so that he can do a considerable volume of work. In doing check testing of duplicate samples of the bloods taken on my trip, one sample tested by us and one by the serology laboratory of Sanidad Pública, we have found a very great discrepancy between our results and theirs, with our tests apparently much more sensitive.

We are anxious now to have samples sent from Staten Island so that we can compare our results with yours and thus check on our procedures and reagents. Would you please send, as soon as possible, a series of 10 or 15 unknown samples for us to run, timing the examinations of the same samples your laboratory so that both laboratories will examine the samples on the same day. It would probably be quicker to send them air mail to the APO address which will mean that we will get them on a Tuesday afternoon and test them on a Friday.

Sincerely,

John S. Cutler  
S.A. Surgeon, USPHS

Respectfully forwarded:

Joseph S. Spoto  
Chief, Caribbean Sector