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Senior Assistant Surgeon John C. Cutler,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Dear Doctor Cutler;

I have just returned from a vacation in the south and find that I really have lots and lots of work to do, but first I want to write to you and give you all of the low-down on everything pertaining to the shipment of the balance of your equipment and supplies, so here goes:

- 1--Approximately 22 cases, including transformers, will move out of this station sometime this week. It will be necessary to ship via the pacific coast as the Puerto Barrios port is now on strike.
- 2--Practually everything that you will need is in the shipment, and I will forward you copies of manifests and instructions when the shipment leaves New York.
- 3--There will be two gallons of Black Acid Resistant paint in the shipment, we have no aniline on hand and it is just another product that is out of the market for the present time.
- 4--Have Portnoy send me check to cover screen wire, for I had to purchase that against my own name and it will be in the next shipment.
- 5--All of the other little things that you have asked me to do will be attended too, just as soon as I can see the back of my neck.
- 6--Doctor Cutler the conditions of purchasing any and all materials and supplies at this time ~~are~~ are worse than I have ever seen it before, practically nothing can be had any more. It is hoped that the passing of O.P.A. will help the matter some, but the country has a long way to go to catch up, and I personally feel that it will be at least two years before we are back to normal under the very best of conditions.
- 7--In the next shipment you will get lamps, pipettes, bottles, sterilizers, Culture Tubes, Slides, Cover Glasses; Vacuum Oil; Tubing, Gloves, Culture Dish holders; Beakers, Orvus, Cavutainers, Shaking machines; Baskets, tripods, water baths; Culinders; Dessiccators, Coats, Connecting tubes; Pipette Boxes, Miscellaneous drugs, your camera parts, numbering machine and other miscellaneous material.

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8--There will be not much left to come other than scattered items, which will be coming I hope in the next 30 days.

8--Give my regards to all, and especially to Mrs. Cutler and yourself, and let me hear from you and I will do my best to keep you moving once we get the material there to start.


C. H. Morrison,
Administrative Assistant, USPHS