

July 19, 1945

Dr. William Dameshek,  
The Boston Dispensary,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Dameshek:

Your letter of July 9 has been received. Thanks very much for your kind opinion in regard to the paper on polycythemia of high altitudes, which recently appeared in the Archives of Internal Medicine. It has taken several years to get together those observations. I will send to you two reprints as soon as they are available.

It is a pleasure to accept your invitation to be the contributing editor from Peru of the new journal "Blood" which will appear in a few months. I will do my best to correspond to this distinction. Sometime ago we notice an advertisement related to this new publication, and at once, through Dr. Merino, a subscription was sent to you. I think that the new journal really represents a solution of a true need long existing in the American literature.

Dr. Cesar Merino, whom you know, because he was in Boston some time ago, will have ready on about the first week of September, a paper related to certain aspects of pigment metabolism in the polycythemia of high altitudes. This paper will be written in English (undoubtedly will need some degree of correction) and he will be very happy to send it to you to be considered for publication in the new journal. I have gone over the findings and they are very interesting. Dr. Merino has applied some of the techniques he learned in Dr. Watson's laboratory in Minneapolis. Kindly let me know whether the approximate date of remittance is agreeable to you.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and

With best regards

Alberto Hurtado M.D.