

Lima, March 22, 1955

Dr. James H. Currens,  
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Dear Dr. Currens :

On my return to Lima, after a visit of several weeks to United States, I have found your letter of February 17, which I have read with great interest.

I think it is an interesting problem the study of the phenomenon of Cheyne-Stokes breathing at high altitudes where it is of frequent occurrence. We have been doing lately some work concerning the control of respiration, using O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, etc. However no observations have been made directly in connection with Cheyne-Stokes. It seems to me that the best place to carry out the observations would be the Hospital of the Cerro de Pasco Corporation, located in Oroya at an altitude of 12,700 feet. This type of breathing occurs chiefly during sleep (and also in people during the early part of exposure to altitude) and the Hospital would be an excellent place for study. Of course we would be happy to provide any assistance within our possibilities. Oroya is located at about one hour travelling time from Marcocha where we have our laboratory. The Cerro de Pasco Corporation has very good hotel facilities in Oroya.

I hope you are able to arrange a trip to Perú.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Alberto Hurtado