

Lima, October 25, 1955

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Dear Dr. Becker :

I am glad to acknowledge your letter of October 10 and to know that you are already settled in your new quarters.

We are all happy about the kind decision of Dr. Pitts in accepting Lozano in his laboratory. I feel, like you do, that there is a great opportunity for renal investigation at high altitudes and your valuable help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I am expecting with great interest a copy of the papers you are submitting for publication and which are related to the investigations carried out by you in Morococho.

Picón is now going ahead very nicely in the work on total body water. He is getting comparative observations in Lima and the data seems to be very consistent.

I am planning a short visit to New York in the next month of November in order to purchase some equipment which has been given to us by the Rockefeller Foundation. If this trip takes place it is possible for me to make a brief visit to Richmond for a final consultation about the method you used for counting capillaries. It is my intention to carry out this work in human muscles obtained in surgical operations at high altitudes. I will call you on the phone from New York previous to the trip.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Becker,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Alberto Hurtado