

Lima, May 10, 1956

Dr. E. Lovell Becker,  
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Dear Dr. Becker :

I am glad to acknowledge your letter of April 23 and appreciate your kind interest in our work and the the renewal of our contract with Randolph. You may imagine all our concern about this matter which amounts to life or death for our organization. Fortunately everything worked out nicely and I am confident of assistance for some years.

We are now working hard and we are studying a group of sea level people who will be taken to Morococha for a period of three weeks, in order to study the early adaptative changes. Velásquez is getting a good experience in the operation of the low pressure chambers and we have added to our staff a maintenance engineer. Dr. Balke will arrive sometime in July to start a research program using the low pressure chambers.

I am happy to hear the good news about Lozano. As you say he is a conscientious worker and I am sure he will try to learn as much as possible.

I appreciate your kind offer of taking one man from our laboratory. At the present time I have no one who may get this benefit through a fellowship from one of the Foundations but I will keep it in mind. As I told you we all hope you are able to return for a period of a few months. I think there are many interesting things which could be carried out in your field at high altitudes.

We are going through a rough period in connections with the coming presidential elections. The unrest has extended to the University and no one knows what will happen. However, I am certain that the research activities will not be affected.

I am planning a visit to U.S. next October. If this plan materializes it will be a great pleasure to see you again.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Becker,

Dr. Alberto Hurtado