

Lima, September 8, 1957

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Dear Dr. Becker:

I am glad to acknowledge your letter of August 30. I did not know you were back in New York City, and I am sorry to see that you are back in a highly backwards area concerning medical knowledge. However, you are getting nearer Boston and this is a hopeful sign!

Drs. Barron and Metcalfe arrived yesterday. They appear to be excellent people and we are very happy to have them here. Tomorrow we will work on the schedule of their activities and I will try to take them to altitude in a progressive way in order to obtain the best possible adaptation. We are deeply interested in their research program; the study of fetal physiology at high altitudes offers unique opportunities.

I am happy to know that you have the plan of coming back to Peru. I really think that the investigation of the clinical problems at high altitudes is not only an interesting investigation but a one needed very urgently. We always had the idea that should be made, and the good hospitals in Oroya and in Cerro de Pasco and Morococha offer a good opportunity to do it. I am totally in favor of your plan. However, I doubt whether the Rockefeller Foundation will help, although it may be tried, especially with the help of Dr. Luckey. You may mention the previous assistance to Dr. Rahn, which was very fruitful. If the Rockefeller is not willing to help, why don't you try Randolph Field? I think they would be willing to help.

Please go ahead with your plans and please be sure we will do every thing we can to help in this plan. Please let me know any future development in this matter.

With best regards to your and your family,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Alberto Hurtado