

Lima - December 30, 1958.

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Dear Dr. Elsner :

I am very sorry for the long delay in answering your letter of November 14, in which you inform me of your plans to come down to Peru for one year. Dr. Clark wrote to me about this some time ago, and I expressed to him of our willingness and pleasure to have you here, and our interest in the research planned. It was my intention to write you after talking personally with Dr. Clark, but unfortunately my visit to Randolph had to be postponed at the last minute, on account of a difficult situation in the University. This has kept me extremely busy. Now, I am planning to be in San Antonio sometime in January or February.

As mentioned before, I think that your proposed work has a great deal of interest at high altitudes. One of the outstanding facts of acclimatization in the native Indians is their high degree of tolerance and physical fitness in exercise. We have considerable data on this matter, but none of the type you plan to obtain.

I will try now to answer some of your questions. Concerning the possibility of finding some work for your wife, I suggest you write to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Washington, D.C. They represent the World Health Organization in Latin America, and one of their offices is located in Lima. They may have an opportunity for work in maternal and child health work. If this is obtained, then it would be more convenient to live in Lima, than in Chosica, which is about 40 Kms. from Lima. There will be no difficulty to obtain a good apartment in Lima, but rents are high.

In regards to laboratory equipment, we have treadmills and respiratory equipment in Lima and in Morococha, in addition to other equipment which is used in chemical, hematological, circulatory, etc., work.

The question of bringing an automobile to Lima is more complicated. I will try to obtain some information in this matter. Kindly ask the Peruvian Consul what kind of entry permit he needs to extend a visa for you and your family. I will be glad to obtain the permit here.

As soon as I talk to Dr. Clark, I will write to you further. In the meantime, please feel free to write and accept my excuses for the long delay in my answer.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours

Dr. Alberto Hurtado

