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Dear Dr. Hurtado:


I am very pleased to hear that you will find it possible to attend an informal round table discussion of the polycythemia of high altitudes on Friday, April 24. In thinking further about this matter, I thought it might interest you to include a few individuals who have been especially interested in the mechanism of the erythropoietic stimulants and of polycythemia vera as well. I am thinking of Dr. Wilson C. Grant who wrote the recent article in *Physiological Reviews*; a Dr. Erslev, now working in the Department of Medicine at New Haven who seems to have been able to definitively demonstrate the serum hematopoietic factor of Paul Carnot; Dr. Frank Gardner of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital who has recently most valuably extended the use of cobalt to the anemia of chronic uremia; and my former associate, Dr. Maurice B. Strauss, who a few years ago made some very interesting observations of the effect of such procedures as bleeding, hemolysis, and the action of liver extract in a patient with a combination of pernicious anemia and polycythemia vera.

These remarks are leading up to the idea that I would like to suggest that you reserve the afternoon of Friday, April 24 from 2 o'clock on in case it is possible to enlarge our discussions with you to include some of the gentlemen I have mentioned.

Before writing to invite these gentlemen to this somewhat enlarged idea of the conference, I wish to be certain that it would meet with your approval. Would you therefore reply quite frankly at your earliest convenience regarding this plan.

Whatever your desire I am sure that we shall have a most interesting afternoon.

Sincerely yours,


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