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Dear Dr. Hurtado:

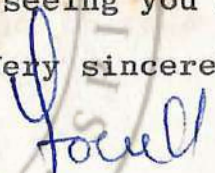
This morning I received your very kind letter with the wonderful news. I must confess that I am not surprised that you have been elected Dean, as I am sure you will do an excellent job in this position. Further, I am sure it is not only a responsible position, but quite a difficult one to handle. As in any position of leadership, frequently there are people who are not pulling in the right direction, but I have every confidence that you will lead your School to even greater heights.

Further I hope that this will react favorably upon your laboratory, and that you will be able to carry out some of your plans for permanent establishment of the Institute. If you have no objections, I may even do a little bragging about you here in Virginia.

It is certainly too bad that the contemplated work to be carried out on the hypoxic situation in newborns has to be done by Harvard men. I am sure it will have a flavor and approach all of its own. Possibly I might be able to look at your manuscripts before they are sent off for publication, and this way we might be able to salvage some of the work which will be done. (Probably no one agrees with me except my New York friends.)

I will keep you posted on any changes which occur up here and I will look forward to seeing you next fall.

Very sincerely,

  
E. Lovell Becker, M.D.

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