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Dear Professor Hurtado:

You may recall we met several times a few years ago at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field. As you will note from the stationery, I am now temporarily with the Navy in London.

During a recent visit with Professor Warren at the London Hospital Medical School, I learned that he is extremely anxious to obtain samples of sheep blood from various parts of the world and especially from sheep who have lived in high altitudes. He has found (Nature, Vol. 178, pg. 849, 1956) that there are three type of hemoglobin in adult sheep and from preliminary studies these types fall into rather clear-cut geographical areas. Knowing your interest in the hemoglobin of acclimatized individuals, I suggested that you might be in a position to supply him with the necessary samples. If you can, he would be extremely grateful. Approximately 5 ml of blood would be required for the determination.

If you are interested in this collaboration, please let me know and I shall arrange to have Professor Warren write to you directly giving you the details of procurement, shipment and the like.

I plan to return to the States in a few weeks and shall undoubtedly have an opportunity of seeing you again.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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