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Dear Dr. Hurtado:

As you probably know I left the Medical College of Virginia the first of July to join the faculty and Department of Medicine at Cornell. Dr. Luckey is the new professor of medicine here and I believe you have known him from your other associations in New York. I have seen Dr. Lozano several times and he seems to be quite satisfied with his work with Dr. Pitts. I sincerely hope that it has been a profitable period of time for him.

Last week I spent a very pleasant day with Dr. Metcalfe from Harvard and Dr. Barron from Yale who I discovered are going to visit with you next week. They are both looking forward to the trip very much. Unfortunately I believe Dr. Barron is quite anxious about his ability to work effectively at altitude as he is in his fifties. He seems to think that this will be a handicap, but I tried to reassure him. I suppose it will be a most disrespectful group, all having had a Harvard background. However, I have my own dice and I would like to uphold the honor of New York on your next visit to the States.

Some time ago when you were in the States you mentioned the possibility of spending some time with you under the auspices of The Rockefeller Foundation. I have given considerable thought to the possibility and am still vitally interested in problems of altitude and adaptation to altitude. I wonder if we could make a collaborative study primarily of the incidence of various diseases and surgical problems admitted to the hospital in Oroya and Moro Cocha. I feel that the help of, or consultation with, a statistician concerning modern methods of tabulation would be of great assistance. Do you think The Rockefeller Foundation would be willing to support such a plan for approximately two months?

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Of course, this is all very nebulous and I would have to discuss it with Dr. Luckey, but I would like to know how you feel about it, and whether you think this could be worked out. I feel this would be very valuable data and would certainly serve to shed more light on the problems of medicine in general and of hypoxia in particular.

Please remember me to Mrs. Hurtado and your family.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



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