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Dr. Alberto Hurtado
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Dear Dr. Hurtado:

Your letter as always was most enjoyable and while I may be closer to the Boston area I can assure you I have been practicing with my dice, and things may take a change for the better on our next encounter.

I am delighted Doctors Barron and Metcalfe have gotten along so well down at Lima and you have my word for it they are both very highly competent investigators, as well as extremely pleasant people. I am anxious to see the outcome of their work and I know they are quite pleased to have the opportunity to work with you.

It was most gratifying to read your comments concerning the investigation of clinical problems at high altitude, particularly with the excellent facilities in Oroya and in Cerro de Pasco and Moro Cocha. I will follow out your suggestions and talk with Dr. Luckey at a later date concerning this problem, particularly after we have a few more plans definitively in mind. We will approach The Rockefeller Foundation and probably several others. I was recently turned down by Randolph on our research request, and Bob Clark tells me that funds have been curtailed so sharply that they would not take on the type of work which I planned to do. Unfortunately this was not exactly Air Force-applicable. However we will follow up every possible lead. I hope that we can count on you as a collaborator for this investigation as I think it would mean an awful lot to me personally.

The early part of October I plan to be in Oklahoma City and will talk with Dr. Schilling as I would like very much to have a competent surgeon to help evaluate the surgical procedures. If this could all be worked out I would like Dr. Schilling and myself and, as I mentioned, one statistician to work with us. This would bring the team to a total of four if you could find time to work with us. This will of necessity have to be a short-term venture, but if it is well planned and thought out ahead of time it should be rewarding.

As soon as more definitive plans are established I will let you know.

Very best regards to you and your family.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Becker", is written over a large, faint watermark of a caduceus and the text "UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK" in the background.

E. Lovell Becker, M. D.