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Dear Dr. Susskind:

Our Chief Medical Advisor and Research Coordinator, Dr. Paul K. Pybus, has presented his findings on his recent trip to your offices.

We are concerned about some of his findings, and want to clarify our understanding with you:

1. A brass ring was used to hold down the screen in the Wyburn-Mason thermotropic amoebae separation device. Since brass is composed of copper and zinc, all work previously performed with this device is therefore nullified, as, according to Roger Wyburn-Mason, copper in very minute ionic presence will most easily destroy any potential *Amoeba chromatosa*.
2. Very few (perhaps one) biopsy tissue samples were used during the past year to duplicate Roger Wyburn-Mason's work. Our chief reason in approving the grant at Medical College of Virginia was because we were told that biopsy tissues were easily available, and would be used in the studies. While tests of blood sera may have been relevant, we have already had knee effusions searched by Vanderbilt University, Pybus-Davis, and Kwang Jeon. We therefore have not had any use for further searches in that direction. We feel that the major thrust of your research should have been, and should be, with the use of biopsy tissue.
3. No cancerous tumors, lymphomas, or tissues from Hodgkins Disease were explored. Again, our main reason in approving the Medical College of Virginia research grant was because of the assurance we initially received that such tissues would be easily available and would be used.

We were quite prepared to close the door on this phase of research, and to concentrate in other directions, except that now the findings of Dr. Pybus as reported above make it necessary to redo all the work of the past year, if our understanding is correct.

Since Roger Wyburn-Mason's instructions were not followed (when using the brass ring), and since for the most part we have not gotten sample materials of the kind desired, our Budget Control Committee feels that your work should be redone at your expense.

When the work has been redone, and we have your report, we can then make a decision as to which direction to deviate thereafter, assuming that no amoebae have been found.

Until we close the door correctly on Roger Wyburn-Mason's findings, we feel we will be negligent in changing directions at this time.

Please let me know your response and/or corrections to the above.

Thanks, too, for your kind and courteous treatment of Dr. Paul Pybus on his recent visit.

Cordially,

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