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Dear Mr. Chapdelaine,

Thank you for your letter of May 14. I would not yet conclude that we cannot confirm previous reports of amoebae being present in the fluids. My work so far has been preliminary and the conditions may not have been favorable for detecting amoebae. So, please let me continue to examine some more samples. In my previous letter, I was simply asking for advices.

About the description: Dr. Blount has not said whether his samples were taken before or after giving drugs. That was my point. As I mentioned, the latest two samples from Dr. Blount have produced flourishing cell cultures of different types, and I presumed that those samples had been taken prior to administering drugs on the basis of my other tests. All samples that were taken after giving drugs produced no living cells of any kind.

By the way, while checking literature, I noticed that a recent Supplement issue of Journal of Rheumatology (Vol. 10, Suppl. 11) carries several articles related to cells in synovial fluids, just in case you did not notice. I have asked for the papers, and I think they will be helpful to me. It is December, 1983, issue.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
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