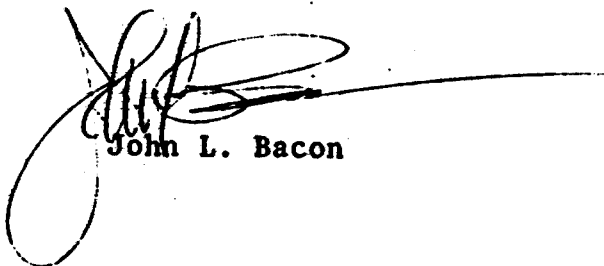


September 13, 1979

TO: Mr. H. C. Roemer ✓  
Dr. Frederick Seitz  
Mr. Colin Stokes

Enclosed, somewhat belatedly, are the minutes from  
our Medical Research meeting held August 8, 1979.



John L. Bacon

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MEDICAL RESEARCH  
MEETING AUGUST 8, 1979

Following are notes of the meeting held August 8, 1979, in Mr. Roemer's office. Present were Dr. Seitz and Messrs. Stokes, Roemer, and Bacon.

PROGRAMS

BOWMAN GRAY (CLARKSON)

The proposal for supplemental funding to expand the research was discussed. It was agreed that, except for making up the shortfall in the present program, providing money to continue support for the unique pigeon colony and funding the cost to develop a specialized endocrinology laboratory, Dr. Clarkson would not be encouraged to overextend himself and his research. Specifically, it was the sense of the meeting that greatly expanded vasectomy research not be undertaken as part of our grant out of concern that Dr. Clarkson's efforts not be overextended or diluted.

It was agreed the supplemental projects 1 (shortfall) and 4 (pigeon colony) be approved but that only the portion to equip a laboratory in projects 2 and 3 be approved. Dr. Clarkson will be asked to rework the proposed budgets for those projects with the expectation being that we could justify support at about one-half the level proposed.

Dr. Seitz will discuss with Dr. Clarkson and obtain refined proposals and budgets, all of which will commence August 1, 1979.

BOWMAN GRAY (TOOLE)

The possibility of doing a cooperative project did not arise during the recent visit by Dr. Seitz with Dr. Clarkson. Mr. Roemer will talk further with Dr. Toole.

HARVARD (BARGER)

Following his visit there, Dr. Seitz reports that this project is proceeding as planned. Dr. Barger has requested a special piece of equipment, the cost of which is about \$100,000. Dr. Seitz confirms it is needed. After discussion, it was agreed that we would be willing to fund this but might have to reduce the last two or three installments so that our overall commitment would not be increased. Dr. Seitz will convey the sense of our discussion to Dr. Barger and advise us of the outcome.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA (COOPER)

Dr. Seitz, following a visit to the College, confirms that Dr. Cooper's work is exciting and should be continued. He reports the College is having difficulty getting the cost for this project picked up by others.

Dr. Seitz recommends we accept Dr. Cooper's request for \$100,000, of which \$75,000 would be new money coming out of the 1979 and 1980 \$3 million budgets. Dr. Seitz will communicate this to Dr. Cooper.

NYU/COLUMBIA (POST/FENOGLIO)

Dr. Seitz reports that Dr. Post has identified a need for equipment costing \$75,000 and supporting his research. He recommends we do this but not encourage further requests. It was agreed that Dr. Seitz would proceed accordingly with Dr. Post.

PENNSYLVANIA (RHOADS)

Following his June visit, Dr. Seitz received a proposal for three projects, one of which (on diabetes) he recommends we accept. That proposal would be for \$1,250,000 (\$250,000 a year for 5 years). Dr. Rhoads says that in addition he would like \$250,000 to outfit laboratories to become the University's center for diabetic research.

After discussion, it was recommended that the proposal be accepted but that costs for outfitting the laboratory be taken from our \$1,250,000 total pledge in whatever manner is acceptable to the University for its internal procedures.

Dr. Seitz will communicate the sense of this conclusion to Dr. Rhoads and send us the formal proposal.

SHADYSIDE (FISHER)

Mr. Roemer reported that we recently sent Dr. Fisher \$17,500, representing the second and final payment on our commitment. After discussion, noting that the work is good, it was agreed that support for this project will be allowed to expire.

SLOAN-KETTERING (GIRALDO)

Two new proposals received by Dr. Seitz from Dr. Giraldo were discussed. One is for a film; the other for a project to be done in Naples, Italy, to which Dr. Giraldo is returning. After discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Seitz would decline the opportunities. It was also noted that our last payment on the current project has already been made and our support is now expiring.

OTHER PROGRAMS

ROCKEFELLER, SAN DIEGO, COLORADO, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT INSTITUTE

Dr. Seitz said he had nothing new to report on these programs.

Separately, as to Rockefeller, Dr. Seitz noted that there is some renovation being done to convert two offices into conference rooms. He requested that we consider paying for the cost of that renovation (\$20,000) above our existing support for the University. This would help him in his capacity as advisor on our medical research program. It was the sense of the meeting that we would be favorably disposed to honor the request. Dr. Seitz will talk with University officials and advise us how he would like us to proceed.

DUKE, MIT, MICHIGAN, UC-SAN FRANCISCO

All are presently inactive; but it is expected that one or more may initiate further contact with us.

TEXAS (WIGODSKY)

Though inactive, Dr. McGill has mentioned to Dr. Seitz that he wonders if a visit there might be appropriate. While not of high priority because the project (a colony) was not in the main-stream of our program, Dr. Seitz has noted Dr. McGill's comment and will plan a visit when convenient.

HARVARD (HUBER)

The Industry project is still inactive and will not be revived at Harvard. Mr. Roemer thought that if Dr. Huber were to relocate, the Industry would continue the project. Both the project and Dr. Huber's competence were endorsed highly.

Dr. Seitz will visit with Dr. Huber when he attends a review of our other project at Harvard in September.

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OTHER

Meetings and Presentations

Dr. Seitz will be available to attend the November IAB meeting. No new preparation is required at this time.

Mr. Roemer will follow-up with Mr. Sticht to see when he might want to schedule a meeting in Winston-Salem where Dr. Seitz could talk with a broad group of our executives about this program.

The object of these meetings, plus the meeting with the Operating Committee August 8, is to increase our executives understanding of the purpose and objectives of the program; and to report on major projects undertaken with our support.

Ed Jacob

Mr. Jacob's relationship with RJR and to this program was discussed. It was agreed that no action was required but that if clarification was later needed Mr. Roemer would talk with him.

Budget

It was suggested that for 1980 and beyond we consider combining all of our sole sponsored research under one budget. This would bring under one account the monies (about \$4.5 million) already budgeted under various separate authorities.

Publicity

Mr. Bacon noted that he had some difficulty explaining the program to those who have heard of it but whose own work is not in the mainstream of our sponsored research.

Dr. Seitz agreed that he would draft some paragraphs which could be included in letters Mr. Bacon writes in response to inquiries about possible funding from this program.

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Visitation

Mr. Bacon asked that he be allowed to accompany our advisors on selected visits where his understanding of this program could be improved. Dr. Seitz said he would pick some review meetings for Mr. Bacon to attend for this purpose.

John L. Bacon  
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