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Dear Herm:

Four of your men are now on the job, and seem to be making good progress.

The other day I was talking with Jim Cooney, and he wondered if it would be possible to commit a few of your burned animals for a study with Cortisone or ACTH. He suggested the latter, but I think the former should be the one studied since it is "readily" available in large amounts. I realize a study like this would not be critical; but suppose that you obtained good visual evidence for very rapid healing in treated animals - this would be of value and would justify extensive studies, stockpiling, etc. Actually, I would like to see this done in preference to the study of the cloth on skin. If you agree, you should be able to get enough "Cortone" for Merck's for free for the study, and could bring it with you. I'm sure that we can get approval for this amendment to your project - if you agree.

I suppose Bob or someone keeps you posted on progress, so I will not write about that in detail.

We all look forward to seeing you out here.

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Most sincerely,

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