

Dr. Shields Warren

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A number of exploratory discussions have been held between Dr. Rhoads, Dr. Van Slyke (who is now Assistant Director for the Life Sciences at Brookhaven), and myself. We all agreed that it would be a good move. The next step was to talk with Pressman. He visited Brookhaven on July 21st and 22nd, and I explained the proposal to him. He had previously talked with Rhoads. Naturally, before making so important a move, he wanted a couple of weeks to think it over, and returned to the Jackson Foundation at Bar Harbor where he is spending the summer.

This is the story I told to John Bowers, and suggested that perhaps a letter from your office to Pressman would help him make up his mind.

As you perhaps know, we have practically no funds in our budget for this fiscal year for medical research. Consequently if Pressman should indicate a desire to come here, together with his assistants, we would then have to request additional funds from the AEC to fix up laboratories for him. This might amount to \$50,000 with costs as they are today. I am not sure whether any increase in the operating budget would be required, as we do have some margin on personnel which may not otherwise be absorbed.

I hope this gives you the information you wish. As you can see, the whole plan will fall through if Pressman should prefer not to come. However, we have felt that this project is so obviously worthy of AEC support that you would not hesitate to give us your backing, and if you think it appropriate to send Pressman a note supporting our proposal to him, it might influence his decision.

Best regards,



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