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Dr. Ragnar J. Ness
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Dear Jack:

I am sending to you under separate cover, containers for the collection of blood and urine samples which I would very much appreciate your obtaining for us. The magnitude of [REDACTED] excretion will be most useful in determining whether or not he is recovering chemically as well as clinically.

I hope that [REDACTED] continues to come to you for treatment. I think a great deal can be done by general therapy, particularly if it is possible to clear up the infections in his nasal sinuses and throat.

Thanks to the good efforts of yourself and Don Cummings, I had a very restful and pleasant trip on the train to Chicago and am very happy now that I did not fly as the weather in Chicago was extremely bad.

In so far as the matter of the paper is concerned, I am at some loss to know exactly how to proceed. I certainly do not want to write a letter to be published in the Journal for the reasons that we previously discussed, and I am wondering whether there is not some better and more tactful way to handle the situation. Since most of the data was yours, and since you did not see the paper before it went in for publication, we might consider that you and I had a tentative understanding at least to go over the material before it was published and were you to have Phil Work's agreement to ask that Dr. Kehoe or I review the paper, we might be able to straighten the whole thing out with minor changes in the article. On the other hand, if Phil will not agree to that, while it would be within your province as one of the authors to yourself directly suggest to Morris Fishbein that I be given an opportunity to see it, one

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may properly question the advisability of so doing since it would almost certainly lead to difficulty between you and Phil, which I do not want to be responsible for. I am writing Morris Fishbein today to get his reaction in general as to procedure and as soon as some avenue suggests itself, I will advise you. May I assure you now of my earnest wish that this thing be handled among ourselves rather than by any overt measure.

The work on the program for the Industrial Physicians' Meeting in Cincinnati next May is going on and I think it will be a meeting well worth attending. I hope that you find it possible to come on and that Ruth can come with you. I should like to return as much as possible the many courteous and hospitable gestures you have extended to me when in Denver.

Cordially,

WM:vr

Willard Machle, M. D.

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