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Dear Arthur:

In reply to your letter of the 14th, I may say after talking with Dr. Meade here last week, Dr. Meade will arrange to cooperate with you and help you in any possible way to prepare reports of projects which have been completed. As to incomplete projects which are being carried out under agreements and contracts with industry and other agencies, it is clearly the responsibility of our organization to arrange for their completion unless the Grantors and supporters wish to make some other arrangement. We have already had indications of the desire of some of them to have their projects continued and you could be helpful during this transition.

I am disturbed in learning that you have removed some records and other material from the Laboratory without the prior knowledge of, or arrangement with Dr. Meade. This was a mistake on your part and might easily place you in an unfavorable light. The Board of Trustees will be concerned because of its responsibility for the preservation of the records and other material. I am sure an amicable arrangement could be made through Dr. Meade which would protect you and avoid any implication of improper removal of records. I want to urge you in your own interest to make such an arrangement, so that we may know precisely what is being done.

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I have asked Dr. Lanza to go to the Laboratory and study the status of the work there, giving us an independent appraisal which will certainly be of help in future planning. Dr. Lanza must have access to all records of work which has been done and is being done in the Saranac Laboratory. I can assure you that this will be done in an unbiased and objective way and you need not have any misgivings about it. He will be there during the week of August 2.

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There has been considerable misunderstanding generally about our intentions to continue the work of the Saranac Laboratory, and this seems to go back for at least five years. We are doing everything possible to clear up this misunderstanding, which we are sure you will be glad to hear, since it is in the interest of perpetuating the work.

Sincerely yours,

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