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Dear Jack:

I am quite willing to abide by your decision as outlined in your letter of November 22. It would be most unfortunate, I am sure, if any action on your part could possibly be misconstrued by Work and ill feeling arise.

As I mentioned to you in a previous letter, I wrote Morris Fishbein and explained the situation to him, not with the idea of asking him to take any steps, but rather to get an expression of opinion from him as to what was the best thing to do. I think, therefore, that unless Morris is much more inept than we have reason to believe he is, he will do nothing about it until he has replied to my letter and certainly he should not communicate with Phil Work at this stage of the negotiations. It would seem best therefore, to let matters ride until I get a reply from Morris Fishbein and have his comments on procedure. I will let you know what he says.

You realize as well as I do that I would not be disposed to make an issue of this paper were it not for the fact that I do not agree with Phil Work's conclusions, particularly since my recent examination of the patient, and consequently the issue is not one of use of data without courtesy of inspection, but rather the abuse of material. I do not see how I can let this go by without some comment. In any event, things are not moving very rapidly and no steps will be taken until we have a reply from Chicago.

In the meantime, I think it would be a matter of great interest to have the samples on Losh, if it is possible to obtain them.

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I shall be out of the laboratory this coming week, but will be kept advised if there are any further developments in the situation. I realize perfectly well your position in this matter is a difficult one since you are in a sense caught between the two of us.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

WM:vr

Willard Machle, M. D.

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