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Dr. Arthur J. Vorwald, Director,
The Saranac Laboratory of the
Edward L. Trudeau Foundation,
Saranac Lake, New York.

Dear Dr. Vorwald:

There has been some unavoidable delay in my replying to your letter of March 3rd in which you ask that we extend our commitment for two years from May 1, 1948, at the rate of \$7,000.00 per year.

Frankly, my reason for confining the definite commitment to one year is my lack of confidence in the way this entire transaction has been handled. We first submitted to your laboratories this problem on February 12, 1943. By the end of our proposed extension of one year, you will have had the assignment six years and will have been paid approximately \$20,000.00.

My original conversation with Dr. Gardner certainly did not give me any reason to expect that it was a seven-year job to evaluate this one material. It seems to me that we might reasonably expect to have had in five years from the time we gave your laboratories this project some definite report that would be of value to us. After some hesitation, it was my judgement to extend the assignment for one year and review its status at that time.

Please understand that I am not presuming to be competent to judge the ease or difficulty of work of this kind, but we set out in February 1943 to determine the status of this material, and the handling of it has been quite unsatisfactory.

Very truly yours, *[Signature]*

President

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cc - Mr. W. G. Hazard

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