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Re: UCLA Research Proposal

Gentlemen:

On December 10, Bill Shinn forwarded to you some more specific macrophage research proposals which we had received from Dr. Martin Cline pursuant to a request made at the time of our first meeting in Los Angeles. He also sent a breakdown of the first year budget, together with a copy of Dr. Gardner's letter to me dated December 3 and his memo of the same date with respect to the UCLA proposal.

Prior to my planned trip to Washington for our meeting of December 18 which was cancelled, I called Dr. Gardner and asked for his comments concerning the new material forwarded on December 10.

Dr. Gardner advised me that there was much new work included in the application; some of it would be a continuation of work with Dr. Ted Finley in San Francisco by Doctors Cline, Goldie and Lehr. (A requested grant for Dr. Finley to do this type of work has previously been turned down by CTR because of a lack of funds even though it was considered to be good and valuable work.)

Dr. Gardner observed that the more specific proposal which I sent you would be seriously considered by CTR but because of their procedures they would still ask for more detail if it were to be handled through or under CTR. In summary, Dr. Gardner feels that this work is "on target."

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He pointed out that CTR does not itself make five year grants because they cannot foresee availability of funds that far in the future. He pointed out that the application would not cover the specific amount for the entire five years and that indeed it is not feasible to require that degree of specificity because you cannot tell in advance what turn your work will take because of developments in progress. Dr. Gardner feels that the work proposed is in a significant area and is work of good quality with competent investigators. CTR would be interested in this area of work.

Finally, Dr. Gardner indicated that he was not purporting to pass on either the chemotherapy or immuno-diagnosis because CTR is not interested in that and he does not feel competent to judge it.

I feel that I have accurately stated the substance of Dr. Gardner's telephone conversation with me but I am sending him a copy of this letter so that if anything is mis-stated, he will know it and can correct it.

Sincerely,


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