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Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter dated January 2, 1975. I am sorry to learn that you are (or were) still laid up with the back. I had two spells a couple of years apart back in the 1950s but no trouble since. In my case the trouble was classical sacro-ileac but I gather your case is either something else or atypical.

Of course, I am ready to assume responsibility for the small funds I have. Actually, I provided a budget, approved by NHLI, which specified everything and all that was necessary was to adhere to it. But Nedra simply treated the total as though it were wholly unassigned. I trust in the future there will be no more problem.

I am happy, also, to deal directly with Jacobs re analysis needs. There are, however, many little jobs to be done entirely within the Lab. by Rosemary and myself and I have assumed that I can ask Rosemary to do an occasional 15-minute sort for me. After all, she is and has been paid by my funds to an extent much more than she actually works for me.

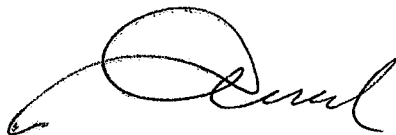
The day before I left I got an official notice from Sheila Mitchell about \$26,900 for 1975 and I presume this can be used according to the budget request for which this is the response. If so, there will be no problem beyond the items for last year that were left stranded by unauthorized transfers.

Here we arrived a bit tired and then had a hectic few days of New Years, a visitor from Helsinki, and getting things rolling normally. Now we are relaxed and enjoy a nap in the sun after lunch as well as a leisurely stroll. The weather was awful the night we arrived (Jan. 30) - - torrents of rain and violent winds doing much damage. We lost a pine tree 15 feet high and equally broad but for two years it had been showing signs of poor root fixation. Anyway, it was beginning to block too much view (it was on the edge of our parking area) and at a rough guess we have some 20 more of that variety as well as perhaps 60 other pines. Since the storm p<sub>o</sub>f

Jan. 30 we have had fine weather.

I have checked with Alessandro Menotti and am glad to say that we now have accounted through 10 years for every one of the men of Montegiorgio and Crevalcore and all but 2 men of the Rome railroad.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ancel Keys'. The signature is fluid and includes a large loop at the beginning.

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