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TO: Every Laboratory Staff Member

FROM: Henry Blackburn, M.D.

Your expressions of kindness and sympathy and humanity over my disability and your evidences of doubled energy to make things go in my absence from essentially ten days before Christmas until the present are greatly appreciated and will long be remembered. I wish none of you any serious back or other disability but in case such happens I recommend a period of two weeks in sunshine as I've had to accelerate recovery.

Most of the investigative staff will be starting on another series of travels starting next week with the Tampa meeting and we also enter into a vigorous period of MRFIT and Ancillary studies. I invite you all to come into my office, uninvited, without appointment, to discuss critical items during the period from today, Feb. 28th until March 6, and I will help where I can with them.

I will be gone again from March 6th p.m. through the 18th, during which time Dr. Taylor, of course, will be acting director, including acting principal investigator for MRFIT when he is present. Dr. Crow will be in charge the few days all the other senior staff is absent. Those assigned supervisory capacity will keep informed about availability of Dr. Taylor and myself by telephone. Nedra is also reachable and expects to return Mar. 17. Do not hesitate to call any of us.

Again many thanks for your special contributions to the work of the Laboratory. It continues to be a vital institution and is ranking among the top centers in each of its national projects. You know best who does the work and deserves most of the credit - you.