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Dear Paul:

I shall convey to Dr. Vasquez the sense of your letter. It is not clear to me either what he might hope from the Foundation or from the Research Committee. I believe that the Foundation would be ill advised to contemplate investing in the proposed high altitude laboratory, even if funds were more abundant than they are.

As for the Research Committee, at most we might go on record, cautiously, as favoring, 1) more research on the effects of high altitude, and 2) the development of centers for research on various problems at locations that may be especially suitable--high places for high altitude, hot places for the effects of heat, etc.--where persons from various countries could work.

Venice is shaping up very well. We shall have an excellent group though I regret that we may have no representation from Latin America. Decourt can't make it and Taquini says he can't afford it, though the allocation to him would cover about 60 per cent of actual costs. I have taken the liberty of proposing to use funds declined by Decourt to make a large allocation to Taquini; we shall see how he answers my letter posted to him yesterday.

It was good to see you in Chicago. Now we all look forward to Venice. In the meantime, I don't say "take it easy" or even "be sensible," but we all have limitations of energy and time and I only suggest that we consider carefully how best to use what we have.

As ever,

Ancel Keys, Chairman

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