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Dean Lee Stauffer
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Dear Lee:

This regards Stadium plans which appear to be moving forward appropriately. My Administrator reports that there are a number of inspection visits going on in the old Stadium at the moment, with the idea that it might have to be brought partially or totally up to code. The idea is that this might be declared as soon as construction is underway on the new facility. I think it is not being paranoid to suggest, based on the clear attitude of the Chief of Building and Planning who sat with us on the committee for disposition of the Stadium, that he is not happy to have more buildings, more responsibility, and more commitments made to Memorial Stadium. It is just conceivable that they would get inspectors to try to close down the whole operation because the University would not be able to afford to bring the old Laboratory up to code. You might want to keep this in mind.

Dr. Leyasmeyer doesn't feel that my space group is keeping her adequately informed. They will take more time to try to do so. You must know that we are immensely grateful to your office for running the ball.

I expect we will meet next week at the Honors Committee Meeting, at which time I can honor you for having the good sense to take a two month leave.

Regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

HB:jml

University of London

(Brain-work Dept.)

It is hereby declared that at an examination held
this day Dr. Henry Blackburn has satisfied the censor
in the subject of Sphygmomanometry, and has been awarded
the following marks:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Mark awarded (relative to native standards)</u>	
Ans systolica	- 0.4 mm.	+1.6
Ans diastolica prima	- 1.7 mm.	-1.1
Ans diastolica secunda	+ 1.8 mm.	-1.7

Signed

H. Reiss

Professor Epidemiology

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

February 14, 1951

Personal

Dr. Walter G. Nelson
Medical Director
U.S. Public Health Service
American Embassy
Paris, France

Dear Dr. Nelson:

This is in reply to your personal letter of January 25, 1951. First, I appreciate your calling to ascertain our existence during the avalanches. We were again blocked two days in Villach last week by snow over the passes and tunnels of Corinthia. Travel is persistently difficult, but from the standpoint of our service, has proved quite fruitful.

I was interested in your account of the DP doctor, Dr. Dengl. Grandin is on the easternmost lake at the border of the Salzburgland Alps, and impossible to reach from here at this time. I am anxious to visit the town as I've seen beautiful examples of native ceramic work produced there. When the sun returns I will contact the physician on a weekend trip.

Concerning Dr. Scott, I can report definitely less obvious obstruction and explosive behavior, as a result of your talk. Though these were the most serious and disturbing factors, nonetheless important to me is the fact that a working relationship continues to be impossible between us. She is completely defensive when I make any suggestions or requests, or try to establish a mutual system where we know each other's plans for the work, for travel, or for leave.

I cannot emphasize any more than I have in the past my personal distaste for the situation. Now that I can more fully direct the policies and decisions of the Austrian units there can be no firm basis for my further request for a transfer of one of us, as the work is no longer seriously impaired. The personal problem is one which I realize is encountered to varying degrees in every life situation. I will acquit myself as fairly and calmly as possible. I must express, however, my disappointment that a decision could not be made in Washington as to her future in P.H.S., so that if she is wanted she could return to the states, being no longer essential here. If the DP Act is renewed, I cannot conceive of another year of our uncordial and perhaps superfluous association.

My statement to Dr. Scott, which I only later learned made her extremely bitter in challenging her authority, was, "It's none of your business, Dr. Scott" -- concerning a personal question she asked me, rather than "Mind your own business". My awareness of increased susceptibility to her criticism when my fiancée came in December made me most careful to adhere to office hours. I examined candidates on a Friday and a Tuesday in Vienna and Innsbruck while Nelly was here, and naturally took her along on these trips, but in no other way absented myself from the office.

In spite of the fact of her holding this responsible position for over a year before my arrival, I feel that I as a commissioned officer, and USPHS as a service, is being forced to stomach an unwise and unpleasant exigency.

I hope you are getting a clear picture of activities here by the considerable correspondence we are sending your way. Perhaps you will pardon this question of official importance here, and will send me your opinion as soon as you can. There is no statement in our regulations for syphilis giving the time that must elapse after treatment before we request a Spinal Fluid examination. On studying one of the most authoritative references for our new Manual, ("Syphilis, Course and Treatment" by Thomas) I see no reason why we cannot make the examination very soon post-treatment and pass the candidate as "Class C, non-communicable, adequately treated". Ideally for the patients, they should be followed for a year to ascertain serologic recurrence, but our regulations are only concerned that the disease be non-communicable. If we give the ideal specialized observation we cannot pass a single case from now on of latent syphilis before the law expires. Please let me know if you concur in my idea of rapid handling after adequate treatment, so that I may inform Dr. Clement of IRO and the areas.

I am continually appreciative of your personal expressions of interest in our work and in our welfare.

Sincerely yours,

Henry W. Blackburn, Jr. A Surg (R)