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Philip Brachman, M.D. Emory University School of Medicine Department of Community Health Master of Public Health Program 735 Gatewood Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30322

Dear Phil:

I have been carrying around reminders and uncompleted notes to you for months in my travels. It really is quite inappropriate that I haven't responded in more detail than just to send you your expenses for your superb consultation early this year. I had the impression that we were mainly regarding your visit, by the time it was over, as a consultation. But I should have confirmed our plans, based on our resources. I was unable to obtain enough resources to offer the salary that you needed plus support services and personnel to develop the program. The other "senior" candidate (at the associate level) was an M.D. pediatrician from St. Louis and would have required an investment of several hundred thousand dollars to set him up, including a laboratory. We had no prospect of developing such resources, so we were basically left with a \$40,000 position, plus whatever indirect cost recovery funds I could allot for a few years "development". On this basis, we recruited a post doc, trained in epidemiology at Alabama, and doing effective research in clinical and epidemiological aspects of oral AIDS at the University of Washington, Seattle. She brings the enthusiasm of youth, is flattered to be the Convener of Infectious Disease Epi. Although she has only been aboard a month, she has gotten Henry Balfour and Mike Osterholm and Frank Rhame to sit down with constructive planning. She has a small but viable

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research program and will be strong on teaching, so I think we have done pretty well with minimal resources.

I continue to be grateful for your thoughtful help and consultation, and am delighted to hear you would like to come back and visit us. An appropriate time would be late Spring or early Summer to review progress of our Infectious Epi program.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D. Professor and Director

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Dr. Henry W. Blackburn Director, Division of Epidemiology School of Public Health University of Minnesota Stadium Gate 27 Minneapolis, MN 55455

Dear Henry:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of October 11 in reference to the Planning Committee of the Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology. We will plan on replacing you on the committee as we discussed.

The Planning Committee recently met in Ann Arbor and reviewed last summer's session. Our attendance decreased to approximately 200 students which probably reflects the change in venue, in dates, and some delay in distributing the brochures describing the program. We have planned next summer's session which will run from July 9 to 28, 1989. We will have many of the same courses in addition to some new ones.

We appreciate your involvement in the Planning Committee over the past several years. I personally am sorry that I will not see you as frequently as in the past nor have the opportunity to participate in Minneapolis jazz. I do hope that our paths cross again in the not too distant future. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip/S. Brachman, M.D.

Chairman, Planning Committee

Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology

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Summary of discussions with Phil Brachman

The visit of Phil Brachman helped us address in a larger group the major new undertaking of infectious disease epidemiology at Minnesota and the problems it poses: our limited resources (basically R.K. Anderson's position); an already heavily committed indirect cost recovery fund; the problems of a one-person undertaking and, the lack of resources for a two person undertaking; the problem of putting together a consortium between the Medical School and the State Department of Health and the School of Public Health; the special skills and personality needed; the problem of complementing the skills and resources of the State Health Department and yet not being overwhelmed by their contribution; the lack of experience of the candidates in graduate level education, etc.

The bottom line on the visit from Dr. Brachman is that he "never wants to retire". He thinks he has 10 or 15 years of good work ahead and when he moves from Atlanta he will be pulling up roots and establishing new ones. Thus he is not interested in our idea of a 3 year contract; he would require a minimum five year contract and a minimum of \$55,000 per annum. He desires to get his income back up to what it was pre-retirement.

He would bring senior status and maturity in Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases, vigorous interest in a teaching program, an ability to collaborate with Osterholm and to place students in situations with Osterholm and elsewhere, convene a group with Rhame and Osterholm and the infectious disease community, and some ability to bring in research funds.

He did not jump to the idea of being director of graduate studies. He indicated that the first thing was to get the teaching program off the ground, for the formal course and at the MPH level.

We did not discuss his needs for outside activities and travel but did discuss space and secretary.

Negative aspects are his limited Ph.D.-level training experience, his stage of life where his agenda rather than ours is paramount, the long commitment and high salary. I suspect he will get his Egyptian project and we will not face the issue. If he doesn't, he may be in a position to reduce his demands. Whatever, he should not replace the tenured slot, in my view.

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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