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Dept. of
Health
Mr. E. J. Staff
Chief of Laboratories
State Department of Health
Providence, R. I.

My dear Mr. Staff:

In accordance with our recent conversation at Hot Springs, I am writing to make the following requests. First, would you be so kind as to approve our tests for syphilis in connection with marriage license laws in your State? Second, I should appreciate it very much if you would send us any forms that we may need to fill out relative to the above matter.

My brief chats with you at Hot Springs were very enjoyable. You know, of course, that I am doubly proud of the fine showing which Rhode Island made in the evaluation. Some figures before me indicate that you did a little better than we did. Your rating, as far as I can determine, seems to be the highest of any participating laboratory, from the point of view of both sensitivity and specificity.

Many, many thanks indeed for having entered our test in this evaluation.

As ever,

Cordially yours,

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