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EDGAR J. STAFF, DR. P. H., CHIEF

Dear Miss Abbott -

I didn't see you at the  
St. Louis APHA meetings last week so I'm  
sending you a copy of the TPCF 50 test summary.  
In case you already have it you may know someone  
who would like it.

No sure fire clincher test for syphilis as yet.  
Thanking you for many past favors I remain

Sincerely

Dr. Edgar J. Staff

This enclosure  
is in TPCF file



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Dr. Edgar J. Staff, P. H., Chief  
Division of Laboratories  
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Dear Dr. Staff:

Many thanks for the reprint by Portnoy on the  
TFCF test, the "supposed to be" specific test for syphilis.

The evaluation that was conducted last year for  
the author serologists was the biggest jumble of reactions  
that one could imagine. The TPI, TFCF, and our PCF all  
gave as many false positive reactions as the lipoidal test,  
and in some instances more false positive reactions.

I believe that the diagnosis of syphilis cannot  
be made on the basis of any of these tests. It is still  
up to the doctor to make the diagnosis on clinical evidence  
or history.

Again, many thanks,

Sincerely,

Genevieve O. Stuart  
Assistant Director  
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