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Dr. William Hinton
Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Hinton:

We are enclosing a gasserian ganglion slide from the brain of a seven months old puppy. Would you be so kind as to give us your opinion of it in regard to a diagnosis of rabies? No negri bodies were found in impressions from Amron's horn of this animal.

We have been unfortunate in losing our two pathologists who were experienced in the pathological changes in the gasserian ganglion caused by rabies.

Do you have any printed material available describing these changes due to rabies and the differentiation from the other disease which might cause confusion?

Thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

Malcolm Hinchliffe
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September 14, 1942

Malcolm C. Hinchliffe, Senior Bacteriologist
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Dear Mr. Hinchliffe:

I have looked at the ganglion which you sent me and regard it as showing no changes suggestive of rabies.

I regret to say that I have no printed matter descriptive of the changes produced by rabies. Moreover, reasonable reliability by this method requires a considerable amount of experience as an understudy in some laboratory where the work is done. It is very much like the diagnosis of cancer, in that the ganglia of some animals that are not rabid may show slight atypical changes which are quite confusing.

Very truly yours,

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