



Copy for Wassermann Laboratory

# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Department of Public Health*

### *Antitoxin and Vaccine Laboratory*

*375 South Street, Jamaica Plain*

*Boston 30, Mass.*

*Division of  
Biologic Laboratories*

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Dr. Paul J. Jakmauh, Commissioner,  
Department of Public Health,  
State House, Boston, Mass.

My dear Doctor Jakmauh:

I am enclosing personal service requisitions for temporary help in the Wassermann Laboratory to take care of absences due to vacations. The positions requested are two Laboratory Helpers from the State appropriation for the period June 1 to August 31 at \$840 a year, or a total of \$420 for the two positions; and one Laboratory Helper on the Federal Grant for the month of June, 1940 at \$840 a year.

In view of the difficulty we had last year in obtaining permission for help of this sort, I have gone over the situation for the last few years. We have had additional help in the Wassermann Laboratory in the summer time in the form of temporary employes such as those requested now; volunteers, which we can not count on obtaining, and new employes put in permanent positions. For the last few years during the periods from June 1 to August 31 we have had help of the kinds mentioned as follows:

	<u>Temporary Employes</u>	<u>New Positions</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Total Weeks</u>
1937	12 weeks	10 1/2	9 1/2	32
1938	17 1/2	16	6	39 1/2
1939	23 1/2	8		31 1/2

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In the light of our past experience, I feel that the enclosed requests are reasonable, particularly as the work of the Wassermann Laboratory continues to increase and is of a kind which must be done day by day as the specimens come in.

Respectfully yours,

E. S. Robinson

Director