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Department of Public Health

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ROOM 319, STATE OFFICE BUILDING

PROVIDENCE November 15, 1938.

Dr. William A. Hinton  
Biological Laboratories  
Harvard Medical School  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Hinton:

In accordance with Clause 2 Section 10 of Chapter 2580 an act in amendment of Section 10 of Chapter 287 of the General Laws entitled "Of Marriage" as amended, the Massachusetts Department of Health, Division of Biological Laboratories, Wassermann Laboratory is herewith approved by the State Department of Public Health as a laboratory for performing a standard laboratory blood test for syphilis.

Your laboratory is approved Laboratory No. 12.

Each blood sent to you should be accompanied by an official State Department of Public Health blank which the Director of your laboratory will sign upon completion of the examination and return to the physician who sent the blood.

The State Department of Public Health reserves the right to withdraw this certification whenever the laboratory fails to conform to the standards set by the Department of Public Health through the Division of Laboratories.

Yours very truly,

Edward A. McLaughlin M.D.  
Director of Public Health

Edward J. Stoff  
Chief, Division of Laboratories

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November 22, 1938

Mr. Edgar J. Staff, Chief  
Division of Laboratories  
State Department of Public Health  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Staff:

We have received your letter of November 18th letting us know that this laboratory has been approved by your State Department of Public Health for performing a standard laboratory blood test for syphilis. We also note that our laboratory, in connection with the marriage license laws of your State, is Laboratory No. 12 and that each blood sent us for this purpose should be accompanied by an official blank from your Department, to be signed by me.

Thank you very much indeed for sending us the above information.

Very truly yours,

William A. Hinton, M. D., Chief  
Wassermann Laboratory

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