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Dr. Edgar J. Staff, P. E., Chief
Division of Laboratories
Department of Health
345 State Office Bldg.,
Providence 2, Rhode Island

Dear Dr. Staff:

From information given me today I learned that according to regulations printed in a Rhode Island Health Department Pamphlet that your State will accept for premarital purposes the tests performed in laboratories approved by a State Laboratory, the State Laboratory of Massachusetts, the City Health Department Laboratory of Worcester, Massachusetts, and the laboratory of the Truesdale Hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts.

You may be interested to know that the Truesdale Hospital Laboratory is not approved to perform Standard tests, and therefore, their tests should not be accepted for premarital purposes. They have approval to do rapid Hinton tests for blood donor purposes only.

Very truly yours,

Genevieve O. Stuart
Assistant Director
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