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Dr. Elliott S. Robinson, Director
Antitoxin & Vaccine Laboratory
378 South Street
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Doctor Robinson:

I am enclosing herewith report
of the Wassermann Laboratory for the fiscal year 1937.

Very truly yours,

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

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DIVISION OF BIOLOGIC LABORATORIES

Report of Wassermann Laboratory

for the Fiscal Year 1937

The routine activities of the Wassermann Laboratory continue to increase, as is shown by Table I, below, which gives the number and character of the examinations for the past five years.

Table I

	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
Wassermann Tests	106,211	46,709	17,320	19,593	18,118
Kohn Tests	18,541	8,478	-----	-----	-----
Hinton Tests	30,371	39,247	128,869	141,318	163,144
Davies micro Hinton Tests	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,418
Davies-Hinton Tests on Spinal Fluids	-----	-----	-----	-----	583
Gonococcus Fixation Tests	3,657	4,191	5,100	6,524	9,014
Lange's Colloidal Gold Tests	106	173	166	126	513
Complement Fixation Tests for Glanders	74	39	28	29	25
Diagnostic Examinations for Division of Health <i>Industry: Control Disease Control</i>					
(a) Complement Fixation Tests for Glanders	11	15	12	6	12
(b) Examinations for Rabies	301	485	500	342	462
(c) Pathologic & Bacteriologic Examinations	21	13	8	19	6
(d) Agglutination Tests for Bacillus Abortus	11,921	14,529	16,963	23,286	25,099
	<u>171,214</u>	<u>159,879</u>	<u>166,963</u>	<u>191,545</u>	<u>233,397</u>

Table I (Continued)

	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
Budget	20,990	20,900	22,190	23,910	26,250 *
Average Cost per Test	12.34	134	13.24	12.54	114

In addition to the routine activities, the Wassermann Laboratory has furnished instruction to men in the second-year class of the Harvard Medical School, a class of ten senior students at Simmons College, six students from the Harvard School of Public Health, and three special students from Simmons College. Besides this, the Wassermann Laboratory has, under the Federal Social Security Act, co-operated in the instruction of serologists from the Health Departments of Ohio, Utah, Maryland, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. It has also furnished instruction to special students from California, Toronto (Canada), and Indiana.

There has been only one publication, which was an editorial for the Journal of Genito-Infectious Diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

* This figure includes the salaries of two stenographers and one laboratory helper, paid from the federal budget under the Social Security Act.