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Dr. William A. Hinton  
Wassermann Laboratory  
25 Shattuck Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hinton:

Mr. Staff has asked me to write you concerning the forthcoming Evaluation Study scheduled for this Fall.

We both feel that having attained a satisfactory rating in both complement fixation and the Hinton tests, it would be rather pointless to enter again so soon. We are planning to enter the Evaluation Study on lyophilized serum to begin shortly, and unless you desire us to participate in the former, we should like to pass it up this time and give some other laboratory an opportunity to participate.

Would you kindly advise me whether this would prevent us from further participation?

Very truly yours,

*Harold Pearson*

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Serologist

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*Rhode Island*  
Mr. Harold Pearson, Serologist  
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My dear Mr. Pearson:

In reply to your letter of October 5, I wish to say that I also see no point in your entering this year's evaluation of state laboratories.

We shall, however, miss very much your brilliant rating and shall look forward to your entering next year. I say entering next year, because I am informed that laboratories which make a high rating are evaluating every other year rather than every year.

Very truly yours,

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

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