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Dr. Everett I. Evans
 Medical College of Virginia
 Richmond, Virginia

Dear Doctor Evans:

Dr. Irving L. Ochs (M.D.), 51 Southgate Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland, called on me today regarding the use of dilute acetic acid jell^y for the control of surface infections and contaminations in burns. He was accompanied by Dr. Preston L. Veltman (Ph.D.) of Severna Park, Maryland. Together they have developed a preparation consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose ~~jell~~^{jell}, containing approximately 2% acetic acid.

This material is stated by them to be well tolerated by the tissues, and not to interfere with the growth of new epithelium. It is further stated to control all types of bacteria which commonly contaminate burns, including pyocyanus and proteus.

The material is presently being used, on a limited scale, by Dr. Blalock at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Doctors Ochs and Veltman desire to obtain a larger clinical trial of this material, and would like to know whether you would be interesting in trying it. If so, Dr. Ochs would be glad to call on you in Richmond on Friday, 24 November 1950, at your convenience.

I have no personal feeling in the matter, as to whether or not it is worth a trial; I simply want to bring this to your attention for any consideration you may wish to give Doctors Ochs and Veltman.

If you wish to see Doctor Ochs, will you please communicate with him directly.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN R. WOOD
 Colonel, MC
 Chairman, Medical Research
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