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Dear Doctor Evans:

I can see that Dr. Campbell's thinking and mine are practically identical on the subject of plasma substitutes. My desire to know as much as possible about all of the plasma substitutes prompted my request for you to go to Germany this summer. Our hesitancy in favorably considering any plasma substitute for adoption yet is for the very reasons stated in Dr. Campbell's letter. My conniving with Dr. Winternitz to set up a Shock Subcommittee was to get these plasma substitutes outside the Committee on Blood and Blood Derivatives, where I felt they had little chance of a fair hearing, and to get a coordinated program of study of these materials rather belatedly under way.

I think that copies of Dr. Campbell's letter ought to be sent to Dr. Winternitz, and to Dr. Dickenson W. Richards, who, as you know, is Chairman of the new NRC Subcommittee on Shock. Dr. Richards is now wrestling with the job of coming up with recommendations for a coordinated program on plasma substitutes. A copy might also be sent to Dr. Ravdin, who is Chairman of the parent Committee on Surgery, over the Subcommittee on Shock.

I do not believe that another meeting at this time, in advance of the Shock Subcommittee recommendations, would serve any useful purpose. A very large amount of coordination has already taken place, at least for the Army, at the two past meetings of the Shock Subcommittee. I must admit that I know very little of what the Navy or Air Force are doing in this field, but I have already written to Dr. Richards that I intend to discuss his recommended program with both, as soon as I receive it.

Hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Sincerely yours,

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