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Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of December 2, 1966. As you know, the possibility of the School of Medicine establishing a Clinical Research Center at the Los Alamos Hospital has been under general consideration for at least three years. When it was first considered, we elected to defer any action because the school was really not sufficiently advanced to generate and staff a quality oriented extramural program of this nature. In concept, however, the idea was then, as now, to coordinate the resources of the School of Medicine with those of the hospital and the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. I think Dr. Lushbaugh's departure from Los Alamos along with the change in the management of the hospital put the matter into a kind of rest phase.

As you know, the School has developed considerably beyond earlier expectations and now has a capability to develop truly effective extramural programs and relationships. It has seemed to us that with the proposed development of the meson factory and the proximity of the hospital and Scientific Laboratory, and the near proximity of the medical school, we have a truly remarkable opportunity to combine our assets into a uniquely interesting and powerful combination. Dr. Langham has, as you know, suggested the proposition that an "institute" or its equivalent could be created as a building bridge between the laboratory and the hospital which would give further substance to this combination. Certainly it has never been our view that the medical school could or should have a unilateral position in regard to this development, and it has always been in our thinking that the participation of the Scientific Laboratory was vital to any successful health related research development of this nature. My personal view is that this possibility is feasible, exciting and well worth development, not only from the standpoint of the school, the hospital and the Scientific Laboratory, but because it is in the national interest.

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I shall certainly follow through on your suggestion of asking President Popejoy to communicate directly with Norris Bradbury so that affairs can progress in an orderly fashion.

Season's Greetings!

Sincerely yours,

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