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ml to ltr of 28 April*

Dear Dr. Evans:

Your letter of April 8 to Dr. Bowers has been referred to me for answer.

The questions posed in your letter are certainly important ones, and I recognize the serious disadvantages in proceeding with investigations without knowing your legal position. I regret to say, however, that we can be of but very little assistance. You appreciate the fact, I am sure, that the answers to these questions would involve legal opinions on matters concerning the activities of the College and its relationships with other private parties. Under these circumstances we feel that it would not be appropriate for us to furnish legal advice to either party of a private business relationship. About all I can say is that we have not heard of any malpractice suits being instituted in connection with the use of radioisotopes for investigational purposes. Also, we understand that most hospitals do require patients to sign general releases before entering for treatment.

If we can be of assistance in regard to problems concerning your investigations, please feel free to write as we are interested in helping when we can.

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Very truly yours,

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