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LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

August 10, 1954

CHANCELLOR RAYMOND B. ALLEN:

Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America
 "Studies in Neuromuscular Diseases"
 October 20, 1954 to October 19, 1955
 \$17,500.00 (A Continuation)

Attached are an original and three copies of an application to the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., submitted by Dr. William N. Valentine of the Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, Los Angeles, requesting \$17,500.00 in support of the research program entitled "Studies in Neuromuscular Diseases" for the period October 20, 1954 to October 19, 1955, the program being under the direction of Dr. William H. Blahd. After the required approvals and signature of the President, the original should be forwarded to the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., 39 Broadway, New York 6, New York. The additional copies are file copies.

Dr. Valentine has explained that the purpose of the study as it has been carried out is concerned with the investigation of certain diminished stores of body potassium in patients with muscular dystrophy and myotonia dystrophica. Recent studies suggest that there is a critical level of muscle potassium below which normal muscle function becomes impaired. For this reason, it appears important to determine if an alteration in depleted potassium can be brought about by the use of biologically active agents.

We have been informed in the letter of August 3 from Dr. Valentine that no space or utilities on the Los Angeles campus of the University will be involved as the research program will be continued at the Veterans Administration Center, therefore, no activity will be displaced on the campus.

The budget seems adequate and is satisfactory to the Business Office. It contains no provision for participating in the State Employees' Retirement System because it is not customary to request reimbursement of such expenditures of nongovernmental agencies, however, there is provision for the allowable overhead of the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, 8% of the research funds.

We have been further informed that, in connection with the use of noxious gases, toxic solvents, animals, etc., all University regulations will be invoked in order to avoid hazard to property or personnel.

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Chancellor Raymond B. Allen

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If the application has your approval, it will be appreciated if you will so indicate in the space provided and forward it for the additional approvals, signature of the President and submission to its destination.

A. F. Schaeffer
A. F. SCHAEFFER

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Enclosure

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