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**PRESIDENT SPROUL:** Relationship of Division of Medical Physics to the School of Medicine, San Francisco.

On 9-5-50, I prepared a short draft letter of referral of the above named problem to Dr. Wendell Stanley, which you returned unused with the question: "Shouldn't we give Stanley some background on the problem referred to him, endeavoring to edit the record to supply facts rather than prejudices?"

The attached draft is an attempt to comply with your request. The reasons which it describes for locating the Division on the Berkeley campus paraphrase those advanced by Dr. J. H. Lawrence in his memo to you of 5-1-47. The enumeration of complaints from San Francisco is drawn from Dean Smyth's memo of 5-23-50 to you, and from Dr. Kerr's memo of 5-26-50 to Dean Smyth.

In 1947 Provost Deutsch and Professor Barr attempted to draft a statement which would be satisfactory both to interests on the Berkeley campus and those of San Francisco, but their patient efforts were not successful.

Following a protest from Dean Smyth against establishment of human clinics on the Berkeley campus, and a complaint that the members of the Medical Physics group to the Medical School had not been solicited (Smyth to Sproul, 2-28-47), you requested Provost Deutsch (3-1-47) to confer with Dean Smyth and submit a joint recommendation to you. Dr. Deutsch in consultation with representatives of the School of Medicine and of the Division of Medical Physics then endeavored to prepare a statement of the relationship of the two University units which would be mutually satisfactory to all concerned. On 3-26-47, he called a conference, attended by Dean Smyth, Assistant Dean Soley, and Dr. Stone of San Francisco; Drs. J. H. Lawrence and Hamilton of the Division of Medical Physics; and Dean Hicks and Professors Birge, A. H. Davis, and Daggett, representing appropriate interests of the Berkeley campus. Following extended discussion, Dr. Deutsch drafted a statement which apparently was approved by all present. Several days later, however, Professor Stone proposed numerous changes, which were supported by Dean Smyth, but which were not acceptable to the Division of Medical Physics, since they appeared to limit very sharply the scientific initiative of workers in the Division. Dr. Deutsch considered the objections well founded. (Barr to Sproul, 7-11-47).

After extended correspondence, Dean Smyth orally accepted a draft submitted to him on July 2, but after receiving strenuous objections from Dr. Stone and his colleagues, was compelled, several days later, to withdraw his approval. (Barr to Sproul, 7-11-47, and Memo of Sproul-Smyth conversation, 7-17-47).

It would appear that the Drs. Stone and Kerr of the Medical School have been solicitous that due precaution be taken to protect the safety of human clinical material, while Drs. Lawrence, Hamilton, and various other members of the Berkeley faculty, within and without the Division of Medical Physics, have been concerned lest scientific initiative

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be impaired by submitting faculty members to dictation from departmental and school administrators. There is an apparent presumption by those in San Francisco that location of human clinics at the School of Medicine is essential to the proper care of the patients; while those in the Division of Medicine fear that such relocation would impair their scientific investigations.

Since the concerns of the two groups are not, inherently, mutually exclusive, it should not be impossible, assuming that reason and intelligence can rise above prejudice and suspicion, to develop acceptable formulae.

I suggest that, to give Professor Wendell Stanley's committee the advantage of the labors four years ago of Provost Deutsch and Professor Barr, and to furnish it with a concrete picture of the essential differences, copies of the Deutsch draft of 7-2-47, and of the Smyth counterproposal of 7-9-47, be handed to the committee.

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