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January 18, 1956.

Doctor Robert G. Sproul, President,
University of California
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear President Sproul:

This is to inform you that I have been approached by Doctor Howard T. Karsner, Medical Research Advisor to the Surgeon General of the U. S. Navy regarding a possible participation of the University of California in the expansion of the present Metabolic Research Unit at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland into a Clinical Investigation Center. Before giving you a brief outline of the tentative plan for this project, I wish to state that I obtained the approval of Acting Dean Lagen for my conference with Doctor Karsner and that the project is to be financed entirely by the Navy's Research Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The Clinical Investigation Center is to consist of a hospital ward with a number of attached laboratories. The staff is to be made up partly of civilian, and partly of naval personnel. The administrative functions of the Center are to be performed by a Naval Medical officer designated by the Commanding officer of the hospital. The scientific work of the Center is to be concerned with clinical investigations of a broad biochemical and physiological nature under the supervision of Doctor H. A. Harper, Associate Professor of Physiological Chemistry and myself.

All hospital equipment and maintenance of patients including nursing care etc. would be supplied by the Hospital. Scientific equipment and supplies not available at the Hospital, as well as salaries of the civilian personnel (for tentative list see copy of attached memorandum) would be financed through a contract between the University of California and the Office of Naval Research with Doctor Harper and myself as Responsible Investigators. The amount of the yearly grant to the University of California for this purpose is anticipated by Doctor Karsner to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.00.

After our conference with Doctor Karsner and Captain Yarbrough I received the enclosed letter and memorandum from Doctor Karsner, and since he requested my comments before January 5, I wrote to him the enclosed letter in the drafting of which we drew on some advice kindly given by Professor A. P. Krueger who, as you know, has had a very large research contract with the U. S. Navy for many years.

In conclusion I wish to say that I am well aware that a contract of such magnitude will have to be drawn with the advice of the University attorney

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if an when it is submitted to the Board of Regents, and I so informed Doctor Karsner at the time of our conference. Also, I already requested an appointment with Dean Saunders in order to inform him of our conference with Doctor Karsner regarding this project and to obtain his views concerning it.

Doctor Harper and I would appreciate if you could let us know whether you approve of our continuing correspondence on this subject with the Naval Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and also would be kind enough to let us have any comments or advice you may have in connection with this project.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Althausen
T. L. Althausen, M. D.
Professor of Medicine,
Chairman, Department of
Medicine

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