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DIVISION OF RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

September 21, 1950

Dr. Stafford L. Warren  
Dean, School of Medicine  
University of California  
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Staff:

I am writing to you to try to clarify something which, at the moment, has me in a state of confusion. It concerns certain individuals who hold titles in the Medical School and their eligibility to receive support for their research programs through the United States Public Health Service. The people to whom I refer are individuals who appear to be full time employees of the Veterans Administration, but who hold various titles in the Medical School.

It is our policy not to award research grants to support the research programs of government employees whether they be employees of the Public Health Service, or of other government agencies. We occasionally receive an application from a full time employee of the Veterans Administration, and I have several times discussed this matter with Dr. Alfred H. Lawton, Chief, Research Division, Research and Education Service, Veterans Administration. It is my understanding that the Veterans Administration, as a matter of policy, does not permit its employees to obtain support for their research programs from any other source than the Veterans Administration. Our two agencies are, therefore, in agreement as to general policy.

There are a number of pitfalls in carrying out that policy as far as the Public Health Service is concerned, for the dual relationship of many employees to both Veterans Administration and a medical school provides an opportunity for applications to come to us on their behalf through the medical school without revealing their connection with the Veterans Administration. For this reason, or because we were not sufficiently careful in the past, we may have made grants which violated our policy. Nevertheless, I should like not to perpetuate this situation.

The question comes up now in specific form with respect to two applications made by the University in behalf of Dr. John M. Beal as Instructor in Surgery. The applications indicate that the research will be conducted in the Veterans Administration Facility where Dr. Beal has

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the title of Senior Surgeon, and Chief of the Surgical Service of the Wadsworth Hospital.

Before disqualifying these applications on the basis of the policies I have described, I should like to know whether Dr. Beal is a full time employee of the Veterans Administration, and whether there are any extenuating circumstances from the point of view of the University which ought to be taken into consideration in connection with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*David E. Price*

David E. Price, M.D., Dr. P.H.  
Chief, Division of Research  
Grants and Fellowships

CC: Dr. Alfred H. Lawton

*Handwritten notes:*  
This is a copy of a letter from Dr. Beal to Dr. Price dated 9/21/50.

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