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Mr. W. B. Reynolds

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I received a telephone call from Dr. John Bowers of Washington, D. C. this afternoon, inquiring about the status of [redacted], our diagnosis and plans; he was interested to know if we were paying the bills.

I went over the case briefly with him from a medical point of view and indicated the working diagnosis is pulmonary disease, due to inhaled toxic material, and that we were strongly suspicious of Beryllium. Plans for his present and future care were mentioned. I indicated that the laboratory is paying for the medical care and studies.

He pointed out the advisability of conservatism in implicating beryllium unless definite evidence is at hand. He further mentioned that the costs involved in this case should be drawn against research.

Let me say here that we plan to move Eugene Gardner from Alta Bates to the Vallejo Community Hospital tomorrow afternoon. He will be under the supervision of Dr. Seymour Farber.

R. Lowry Dobson, M. D.

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