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SUBJECT: PROF. PIERRE WENGER

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Attached are copies of Prof. Wenger's letter to me and my reply.

When I was in Geneva in April, Prof. Wenger showed me design drawings and some specifications of the building to which he refers as the new Radium Institute. In this new building he has planned a heavily shielded room (steel) to accommodate a whole body counter. At that time he indicated his intention to procure the whole body counter from Philips in Holland. I am not familiar with the Philip's unit (perhaps Dr. Bonner is).

I sincerely hope that Prof. Wenger's application for supported research will outline a good program. Even if it seems that the proposal could be improved by modification, I believe that such suggestions should be made in a friendly and encouraging way because of the tremendous amount of material at Prof. Wenger's disposal. He had already examined 5 dial painters with a very inadequate measuring instrument; and of this he was thoroughly aware, but even with these obtaining very interesting information about the subjects.

When I asked him how he developed the opportunity to examine these people, he smiled and said, "Well, my friends know I am interested and the patients just came to me". He indicated that when he is ready to work more intensively, there will be no difficulty whatever in obtaining a large number of subjects.

He pointed out further that it is conventional in Switzerland for persons to go to autopsy in the event of death and he is confident that he will be able to follow up subjects measured in vivo long enough to obtain autopsy specimens to obtain confirmation of findings.

Enclosures:

1. Cy. ltr from P.W. to SAL, 7/3/59
2. Cy. ltr. " SAL to PW 7/9/59

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