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May 8, 1943

Dr. George E. Ebricht
450 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Ebricht:

We have here a project under the auspices of the Committee on Medical Research of the Office of Scientific Research and Development of the United States government for the study of medical problems encountered by pilots and aircrew at high altitudes. In these investigations we are constantly taking large numbers of young men to altitudes equivalent to 38,000 feet in our low pressure chamber, usually in groups of ten men.

To carry out this work it is necessary always to have a young medical man inside the chamber to cover any emergency situation which may arise. This year on our team of thirteen or so investigators, which includes physiologists, physicists and medical men, we have had five M. D.'s but we are now attempting to cut down this number of medical men, two of them have gone into the services, one, Doctor [REDACTED], into the Navy, and the other, Doctor [REDACTED], into the Army. We are also losing a third man, Doctor [REDACTED], who is going to be the Resident in Medicine at the University of California Hospital.

That leaves [REDACTED] as the only remaining medical man. Doctor [REDACTED] is working on two other projects for the OSRD and is able to spend only about five per cent of his time on this aviation project. In my own case, it is not possible for me to be available for routine tests all the time. Altitude chamber runs are not advisedly taken by any one individual more than twice a week since the stay at altitude is for three hours in many of our experiments.

Therefore, we are in need of two young M. D.'s to assist in this project which is being carried on in close association with both the Army and Navy Air Forces, with whom we are constantly in contact, not only at Hamilton Field and the Naval Air Station at Alameda but at various other fields throughout the country and with the offices of these Air Forces in Washington.

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Dr. George E. Ebright
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We now have contacted one young man who is very interested in joining our group. His name is Doctor [REDACTED] who is completing his internship at the Stanford University Hospital but has a first lieutenant's commission in the Army Medical Corps.

I should appreciate very much your help in getting [REDACTED] placed on the essential list as a member of our team.

With thanks and kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

JHL:r

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