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Napa State Hospital
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June 2, 1958

Dr. John Lawrence
Donner Laboratory
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

For several years now we have had the pleasure of cooperating with your research fellows in some of Dr. Gofman's biochemical studies. During this time we have had several conversations with Dr. Born relative to future cooperative research between our two institutions. Dr. Born has indicated considerable interest in the possibility of setting up cooperative projects in the field of basic research in mental illness and has also indicated that the Donner Laboratory would be willing to place certain necessary equipment here in the hospital. We have prepared some laboratory space which Dr. Born has seen and feels would be adequate for the purpose. The stumbling block in the past has always been the finding of a qualified researcher to conduct these studies. As you probably know, Dr. Paul Emlinger is now a member of our staff and we are willing to utilize his background and experience by releasing him from ordinary hospital assignments and permitting him to devote his full time to research. He is anxious to do this and has a number of ideas that we would like to develop further.

In addition to the above, there is the problem of the use of radio-active isotopes in the clinical program. Dr. Margaret Godfrey who is our staff radiologist, and well qualified in her speciality, has recently taken the isotope course at University of California Medical School. Furthermore, this hospital has been designated as the malignancy treatment center for the Northern California State Hospitals and we receive transfers of patients from these other hospitals for this purpose. The addition of isotopes would complete our diagnostic and treatment program. Dr. Born has also indicated that you might be willing to place the necessary scanning equipment for doing iodine uptake studies at our disposal with the understanding that this be used for clinical purposes, but that it might also be used in the future for cooperative research projects. We feel that we are ready to receive and make proper use of such equipment immediately.

Dr. Leon Epstein, Director of Research of Department of Mental Hygiene accompanied us on our recent visit to the Donner Laboratory. He is heartily in favor of the proposed arrangements outlined above and feels that this represents

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a unique opportunity for investigative work in the field of mental illness.

We will await your reaction to these proposals with considerable interest.

Very sincerely yours,

THEO K. MILLER, M.D.
Supt. and Medical Director.

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