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On Monday September 21, 1959 Dr. Miller, Dr. Oliver and Dr. Mandell came up to Donner Laboratory. They met with myself, Dr. John Gofman and Will Siri. The purpose of the discussion was to see if arrangements could be worked out for setting up a Donner Napa installation. Dr. Mandell during the past summer has taken over the position of Director of Research of Napa State Hospital. He has had a title of Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at U.C. Medical Center but will be moving down to Napa within a short while.

The Napa people made it very clear that they were extremely anxious that a good working liaison be created with Donner. The primary problem in actually setting up this arrangement has been in finding the right person to commence it.

Dr. Mandell said that money could be obtained for salary of an investigator on a grant basis. They would be willing to apply for the grant and have been extraordinarily successful in recent months. They made a promise of supplying us with excellent laboratory space and also said that they are going to build or outfit a special unit of 10 or 12 beds which could be used for extensive research.

The subject was brought up of the possibility of Dr. Edward Strisower taking on this position. He is finishing his last year of residency in internal medicine at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco and will be available July 1, 1960. Dr. Gofman mentioned that Strisower is being considered to take over the Veterans Administration Isotope Unit at Seattle, a position formerly occupied by Dr. Rex Huff. He says that Strisower is very interested in this and would not be willing to enter an arrangement in which his salary was dependent on grant moneys and in this sense temporary. I said that I thought this would be worked out much the same way as Highland but in talking this over later with Dr. John Lawrence was convinced that to do such would be a mistake. Dr. Lawrence suggests that the opportunities at Napa are so great they should encourage and stimulate a person like Strisower. He said that as far as the Donner Laboratory's participation is concerned that he would recommend an appointment as Associate Research Physician in Donner Laboratory without salary. This would thus give the person at Napa a University rating and give them comparable standing to an Associate Professor though of course on a non academic side. Other assistance could be given in the way of equipment, etc.

Dr. Jack Gofman called and talked to Dr. Strisower. Gofman reported that Strisower was interested and would like to discuss it further. Strisower still has the Seattle job on the string and is waiting for that to break. I told Dr. Gofman of this. He said that it is very important that Strisower learn of this so that he can make a sensible decision. I will call Dr. Strisower and have him come over so that the matter can be discussed at greater length.

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