

*Dr. Parker
Files. The year
of student
work done
in general in
about 1958*

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DR. JOHN H. LAWRENCE

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Re: Dr. J. N. Karamourtjounis

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

I'll confess that I did not know that Dr. Karamourtjounis was going to stay another three months. You will recall that he started working with Ernie Dobson, and that then I was to provide supervision and assistance in doing some rose bengal and chromic phosphate curves on human patients. He has done a little of each of these, and then moved on to other things. He certainly has learned something from it, although neither Ernie nor I feel that we can be sure he has a real command of the things he studied with us. I should say, however, that his manner with patients is excellent, and he is careful of the necessary safety precautions. He has turned more from the ordinary rose bengal uptakes to scanning the liver, after doses of rose bengal, and is currently working most closely with Hal Anger. Hal feels that his understanding of the mechanisms involved in these rose bengal scans is adequate, but that it will take at least a couple of weeks more to evaluate his over-all understanding of what he is doing. As you know, Dr. Karamourtjounis has, from the beginning of his stay, repeated that he wanted to work as independently as possible. Neither Ernie nor I has found it possible to exercise a really close supervision of Dr. Karamourtjounis's work without being rude about it, or spending an inordinate amount of time with him. On a three months basis this did not seem terribly important, and we have tended to avoid making an issue of it. This is not to say that he might not produce something very good when he settles down to a definite program.

Dr. Karamourtjounis has a plan to do rose bengal liver scans on normal volunteers during the next three months, which he told me about today, and I have told him I am sure he should discuss this with you or Dr. Jones before going any further with the plan.

My time on the Olympic work is not definite yet, but it will be an occasional evening activity only, except for the ten day period at the end of February.

He has now seen Dr. Jones about this. He wants to give 100mc Rose Bengal 10' to student friends of his & the dose is too high ~ 0.3 rad to liver. Dr. Jones is going to see him again.

Sincerely yours,

Howard
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