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Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, President,
Associated Universities, Inc.,
Brookhaven National Laboratory,
Upton, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Dr. Berkner:

The Visiting Committee for the Medical Department of the Brookhaven National Laboratory was met at the Hotel Vanderbilt by a car from the Laboratory at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 20 and driven to the Laboratory. There, we were received and located in comfortable quarters in the Guest House.

We assembled at the Office of the Medical Department at 10:30 a.m.

We were welcomed by you and given an outline of the functioning of the Medical Department in relation to A.U.I.

Dr. Haworth described briefly the part played by the Medical Department in the activities of the Laboratory's total program. Mr. Tape supplemented this with certain administrative details.

Dr. Farr then outlined the developments of the past year and described the organization of the Medical Department with its five Divisions: Industrial Medicine, Pathology, Bacteriology, Biochemistry and Physiology. Following lunch, we heard reports in succession from the head of each Division:

R. A. Love described, in detail, the routine followed in the periodic examinations of the Laboratory personnel. He described the use being made of neighboring physicians in the care of the personnel and the care taken to develop cordial relationships with these physicians.

J. T. Godwin described the very recent reorganization of the Division of Pathology. He spoke of the arrangements for his spending some time each week at Memorial Hospital, thus retaining and developing his familiarity with a wide-range of tissue pathology. The Committee was impressed by the promptness with which he had organized the activities of his laboratory.

W. M. Hale described several investigations in progress on the effect of radiation on antibody production, on immunity to pneumococcus type III, to influenza virus, and to *Trichinella spiralis* infections, upon the takes of intra-ocular transplantation of homologous tissue into the anterior chamber of the eyes of mice, and upon the loss of species specificity of mouse tumor tissue transplanted to the developing chick embryo. Members of the Committee discussed with him various details of these important studies.

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F. M. Sinex described the investigations in progress on the uptake and utilization of free amino acids, on the protein-bound iodine in serum and on certain blood substitutes.

Dr. Farr described the various investigations in progress in the Division of Physiology. The Committee exhibited especial interest in the comparisons of Na, Cl, sucrose, antipyrine and inulin spaces; also on the current studies on the use of boron for localizing radiation in brain tumors.

The Committee then visited the Nuclear Reactor.

The Committee was entertained at dinner in the Research Staff Lounge. Here each of its Members sat with a small group of the Staff of the Medical Department and had opportunity for informal discussion.

On Friday, September 21, the Committee spent the morning visiting the clinical facilities and the laboratories of each Division of the Medical Department.

The afternoon was devoted to committee discussion, deliberation and agreement on recommendations.

At about 4 p.m. the Members of the Committee were driven by car to New York and each left the car at a point convenient for him.

The Committee appreciates greatly the careful arrangements made for our comfort and convenience and the thorough opportunity given to us to survey the facilities and the work in progress.

We enclose our Report.

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/s/

J. Harold Austin,
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