In answer to your letters of March 6, through the 30th; I must say that I am shocked at your accusation that I am guilty of shipping chimpanzees not requested by you as to your choice of the blood samples sent prior to the actual animal shipment. I have been supplying a great many doctors with animals, many of them grantees of the National Foundation for Poliomyelitis. If I sent you the blood, as requested, and you chose the chimps from the number of the samples, you can be assured that you received the animals as noted. Mine is not a clinical job, with the attendant independent variables; I deal with pure, basic arithmetic, in the matching of chimpanzees with the blood samples.

To take it from the beginning: on March 1, 8 chimpanzees were delivered to you, in your absence, one could not be used by reason of a bad arm, two more because of "severe pneumonia." This, per your letter of March 6.

In your letter of March 21, you state that one of the pneumonic chimpanzees made an excellent recovery and that the other was still very sick with a dubious prognosis. The same letter stated that you would authorize payment for the recovered chimpanzee if we wished to wait for payment until something definite showed on the sick one.

In all fairness, I wonder what your feelings would be if our situation were reversed? I have borne the expense of blood tests, transportation, and the keeping of chimps on a verbal agreement. For instance, the animals I held for you while you were in Europe, after the blood test, which you subsequently refused, and which I later had to sell, reducing the whole transaction to a lucky even break.

Of the two animals with pneumonia, one died, and, I take it, the one that had recovered is sick, as of the 30th of March. I am, at this writing, out three expensive animals, accused of juggling specimens and malpractice, and you consider the account closed.

As before, I will bend over backwards to exchange any animals not suitable for your work. In the future, don't you think it advisable
that one of your men, or yourself, come to New York and choose the animals yourself? I am more than willing to pay round trip transportation and foot the hotel bills. This will certainly save us much aggravation and expense.

I would like to hear from you as to your thoughts on the matter of sharing the expense of the chimpanzees that died. I find myself out three animals and the target of an unjust accusation. I am at a loss as to which of the two bothers me more.

Sincerely yours,

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