MEMORANDUM TO GRANTEES

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The importation of monkeys becomes increasingly difficult and expensive. The protracted period of time that these animals are on board ship has sharply increased the mortality rate.

In the past the Foundation has attempted to arrive at a price approximating the estimated cost of importation. We now find that it is impossible to arrive at any satisfactory estimate, and that the $15 which we have been charging is far below the actual cost.

In the future, monkeys, when available, can only be shipped upon order and subject to actual cost. The price will vary with each shipment sent, depending upon the costs encountered with each lot imported.

It is recognized that this arrangement may cause budgetary difficulties. The Foundation will give consideration to requests for necessary adjustments in grants. However, not only the increased cost but the limited number of animals available makes it necessary to limit sharply the use of monkeys to essential study programs. Those animals imported by the Foundation must meet all requirements of essential war and communicable disease research programs.