This note is being written in connection with the shipments of cynomolgus monkeys which were made to you this past week, i.e. the forty two animals shipped on Saturday, May 3rd, and the fifty animals shipped today, May 7th. I regret our inability to ship the quantities you requested but unfortunately the animals are not conditioning as rapidly as we had hoped they would.

Both shipments consisted of animals which were received at Okatie on April 10 and had thus been conditioned for twenty three and twenty seven days respectively. In addition, all cages from which the monks were taken had remained stable for at least seven days before being shipped.

The forty two animals shipped to you on Saturday, May 3 were given special handling here at Okatie. They had been given a diet of unhusked rice mixed with a chicken laying mash -- the same as is given in the compound in Cebu, with the hope of sustaining their strength for a while until they could be switched to our regular diet. These animals will be slow to accept the regular food. Please watch these carefully and let us have a report on their condition.

I have a problem concerned with the shipment of animals which went forward to you today. The cages from which the monks were selected had been stable for at least seven days. This afternoon after shipment had been made the cages were again rechecked and to my surprise one animal in two of the cages from which your shipment had been taken had bloody discharges. I give you this information so that you may make a special check on the animals you receive on Friday and if necessary keep these animals away from those received up until now. I would not like to see trouble arise in your colony because of this incident. Please keep me advised of your findings.

There is still due you 160 animals on your order. I hesitate at this moment to assure you complete delivery by the 12th of May. I feel however that we may be able to complete delivery by the 19th of May. I regret our inability to ship on schedule however feel quite sure that you understand our position.
In replying to your inquiry on the availability of cynos for the coming month of June, July and August, I cantell you that we are increasing our shipments to eight hundred each month and thus hope to have enough animals on hand to take care of the needs of our grantees, providing of course that the animals "fatten and condition" in a period not to exceed four weeks.

It is our findings that cynos at no time develop the broad backs and "fat bellies" like the rhesus. Neither do we find them to be as peppy -- although in good health.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie Radziwanowski