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Dear Doctor Sabin:

I should like to acknowledge your letter of January 20 in regard to the proposed research program on the investigation of Ekiri in Japan, to be carried out under the auspices of the Tropical Diseases Study Section.

It is noted from your letter that the trip to Japan is planned during the period June 1 to September 15, 1947. Before final plans for such a project are made, it should be called to the attention of those concerned that, even in case this project receives the approval of both the Tropical Diseases Study Section and the National Advisory Health Council, funds for implementation of the program may not be available before July 1. Although the Research Grants Division confidently anticipates the appropriation of supplemental funds by the Congress for support of applications approved at the March 7-8 meeting of the National Advisory Health Council, we can not be certain that funds will be available until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

It is realized that the investigators may not be able to obtain leaves of absence except at the time indicated, and, also, that the success of the project itself may require that the studies be made during the summer months. If such is true, we hope that some arrangement can be made by which the project, if approved, can be initiated June 1, even though funds may not be available from the Research Grants Division before July 1.

The application for a grant in aid in the amount of $11,127 for the prosecution of this research program is being processed for circularization to the members of the Tropical Diseases Study Section. Copies of the attached letter from Colonel Sams will also be included.

Sincerely yours,

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