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Dear Mr. Allen:

I have a copy of the letter you sent to Dr. Weech in which you indicated that the items for the salaries of the three members of the Enkiri team contained in Application RG-620, would most likely not be approved by the Study Section, and the National Advisory Health Council. As you pointed out, this statement is based on the decision of the National Advisory Health Council that salaries of investigators with tenure in their institutions should not be paid out of grant funds. I am personally in agreement with this decision but would like to point out that there is a difference in the present instance involving a principle that should receive special consideration.

I should like to suggest that a distinction is in order between salaries for people working under grants in their own institutions and continuing their association with and duties in those institutions, and for those who must leave their institutions and go abroad to carry out investigations at the invitation of and sponsored by the U.S.P.H.S. for a limited period of time. It seems to me important to decide this principle because it will affect any subsequent work that may have to be carried out by American teams abroad under the sponsorship of the U.S.P.H.S. Study Sections. It may interest you to know that the Army Epidemiological Board has in the past paid honoraria to investigators which it has sent abroad in sufficient amounts to cover salaries that those people ordinarily received from their institutions.

Sincerely yours,

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