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Dear Doctor Ellis:

If you will look back to the minutes of the meeting of November 25, 1946 of the Tropical Diseases Study Section, you will find that I was instructed to work out some method by which a team for the investigation of Ekiri might be sent to Japan next summer. The team, consisting of Dr. Katharine Dodd and Dr. Samuel Rapoport of the Children's Hospital Research Foundation and University of Cincinnati, and Dr. John Buddingh of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine at Nashville, is now organized, and each member has received the assurance of his institution that a leave of absence will be granted for the period of June 1 to September 15, 1947. The enclosed letter from Col. C. F. Sams, Chief of the Public Health and Welfare Section in Japan, indicates that this team will be welcome in Japan, and that an official invitation will be forthcoming.

After proper consideration of the various alternatives, it was decided that the grant to cover the expenses of this investigation shall be requested by one institution, namely, the Children's Hospital Research Foundation, which will now become responsible for the various disbursements and the auditing of the accounts. Dr. Katharine Dodd, who is the senior member of this team, has accordingly filled out an application for grant which is submitted herewith. I may also indicate that I have received word this morning from Lt. Col. W. D. Tigertt, MC, commanding officer of the 406th Medical General Laboratory in Tokyo, that laboratory space for this team will be made available by him, and that he will cooperate to the fullest in supplying whatever equipment and additional technical help may be necessary. He did point out, however, that certain non-standard chemicals as well as equipment that may not be obtained readily in Japan, should be provided for in the budget for this team. I expect to attend the next meeting of the Tropical Diseases Study Section and will be ready to supply further details.

Sincerely yours,

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