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Dear Doctor Van Slyke:

I have just received the message that you telephoned Dr. Weech a short time ago indicating that there was some concern in the consideration of Dr. Rapoport as a member of the team that is to go to Japan for the study of "ekiri". Although Dr. Rapoport's citizenship is of recent date, I can think of nothing during the eight years that I have known him that would militate against his going from a security point of view. I am sure you will have heard from others by now regarding his work during the war for the OSRD, during which time, I believe, he had been thoroughly investigated. The main reason for his being a member of this team is that he has already made very important contributions to the biochemistry of the diarrheal diseases, that he has worked in close relationship with Dr. Dodd, who in turn had worked in close relationship with Dr. Buddingh in the past. The chief reason for having a biochemist as a member of this team is that the high fatality associated with "ekiri" may turn out to have a biochemical basis.

Sincerely yours,

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