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Record of first six months of  
Fellowship, June to Dec. 1946.

My Dear Dr. Berry,

I am sending you my sponsor a report on my activities at County Hospital. In this report I am including what was done on research problems to which I was assigned, also my general work program, and instruction program.

Research

I was to help Dr. Popper, head of Department of Pathology, and Dr. Franklin work on three research problems: the results were to be published and the names of all three were to appear as authors. The first paper was to be on "toxic Cirrhosis and its differentiation from Laennec's Cirrhosis". I abstracted all cases of Cirrhosis at County Hospital from January 1, 1929 through November 1946 which approximately included 1075 cases. From the slide file I pulled all available liver slides on the above cases which were to be read microscopically. Dr. Franklin and I made graphs on this material showing necessary statistical results. This material was turned over to the head of the department.

We next began to work on the problem of toxic hepatitis and I abstracted all cases of hepatitis occurring at County Hospital from 1929 through 1946 which amounted to approximately 160 cases. I also abstracted approximately 30 cases of hepatitis from the Army collection of the chief pathologist. From the slide files, I

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pulled all available liver slides and Dr. Franklin and I pulled all available liver blocks. We made graphs of all necessary statistical data. This material was turned over to the head of the department. A paper using this material was read at the Chicago Pathological Society on December 9, with no credit given for my contribution.

There was to be a third problem which was to be on animal experiment. However we were told that no animals were available at the present time, and the project was never begun.

General Work Program

My general work was done as a fellow in the department of Pathology. It consisted of assisting with and doing autopsies. I was absent on occasions but not out of proportion to the other members of the group. However, I felt that my absence at any time from the department was conspicuous.

Instruction Program

When we began on these liver problems I was supposed to get complete outlines of the project and the criteria for diagnosis and differential diagnosis. The above material was never received. I was also supposed to get personal microscopic instruction from the Chief Pathologist and his assistant. However, neither had much available time and as a result, I saw about five slides with the assistant. I was accidentally taken to the liver committee meeting at the Chief's office on one occasion and

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from then on inquiry as to future meetings brought no favorable results.

The work in general was however very instructive. I was able to see and participate in many autopsies. I also saw surgical slides microscopically and in general sessions with the other department members.

Because of the unsavory attitude with reference to segregated meetings of the liver committee and the subsequent differences shown in giving credit for statistical research, I felt compelled to resign in protest against the practice of discriminatory attitudes in a tax supported institution.

Sincerely Yours,

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