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Dear Henry,

I am scheduled to present a paper at the annual meeting of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy on May 29, 1963 at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. The title is "Oxytetracycline Fluorescence and Gastrobiopsy in Cancer Detection". In this paper I am associated with Dr. Elizabeth McGrew, Associate Professor of Pathology, University of Illinois, and two residents in Gastroenterology at Cook County Hospital and Hines Hospital.

I recall that on more than one occasion you have expressed desire in ^{if} having me visit you at the University of Washington Medical School; particularly when I had the occasion to be coming in that general direction. It occurred to me that perhaps you and your colleagues might be interested in my experiences expressed in the title mentioned above. You, of course, know about the use of tissue fluorescence as a supplementary diagnostic procedure in cancer. In the last couple of years two or three papers have appeared in the literature describing the use of fluorescence of gastric washings after tetracycline administration in gastric cancer detection. I have used a slightly different drug and compared this test with gastroscopy and suction gastrobiopsy. We have also included fluorescent microscopy. I have suggested the use of these procedures combined with x-ray and cytology as a kind of "test battery" with a diagnostic "profile" for gastric cancer. The suction biopsy instrument, which bears my name, was worked out by Eder Instrument Company (the foremost manufacturer of gastroscopes), with my collaboration.

As you know, I have looked into more than 5,000 stomachs and began with Schindler being among the first eight or ten students in this country. I am still Professor of Gastroenterology and Gastroscopy at Cook County Graduate School; having trained more than 175 Gastroscopists from many parts of the world during the past 17 years. Also formerly Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine University of Illinois. Presently Attending Gastroscopist at Cook County Hospital; Sr. Attending Provident Hospital; Consultant at Women and Children and Alexian Brothers Hospitals; and member, Courtesy Staff Michael Reese Hospital. Incidentally, I have a paper in the January 1963 issue of Gastroenterology.

If it would be feasible to have me come out and discuss the same or similar title ^(Reese) on the day or two after

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