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Mr. G. B. VanWagenen  
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Dear Mr. VanWagenen:

Please pardon me for this long delay in answering your letter. Upon receipt of it I was on the home stretch of finishing up some medical research, which I later presented before a national society at a one-week meeting in Cleveland. Immediately upon my return, there were a few other meetings in Chicago, which I had to attend. I am therefore just getting around to answering your letter, which I read with much interest.

As you may already know, our program was interrupted about eighteen months ago because of the failure of the Legislature to re-appropriate funds because of what they called "a tight budget". The questions you raise have several possible answers. I certainly wish to congratulate you and your group for giving your attention to this problem, which depletes the community of young people usually with average or better potential, who might otherwise be good citizens.

I would be glad to meet with you as you suggest for discussion of the project. I believe this would be better than attempting to discuss all of the facets in a letter. Perhaps some day near the noon hour, at your convenience, we could get together for this discussion. You may call me or write me at my office as to a possible time and place.

Very truly yours,

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Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.