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Dear Josh:

I am enclosing some reprints of Dr. Gerald Gaull's work which you may want to look at before meeting him at your next visit. Attached to these reprints is my letter of April 25th to Rod Nichols in which the essential details of what arrangements might be suitable for Gaull are described. I believe that he would be willing to stay over a 3-5 year period at the Rockefeller at Adjunct Professor during which time we could determine whether or not he was able to develop an active clinical program. If this did not prove to be a workable arrangement than I think we would not be under any obligation to pursue the matter of a regular appointment for him. He understands that our interest in him to date at least has been determined not only by the science he has been doing, but in part by his potential ability to conduct a clinical program around that science. There is some urgency on his part concerning the discussions with Albert Einstein; I hope it will be possible for you to see him for a short time on your next visit.

I enclose also for Dr. Smith the April issue of the Research Resources Reporter, a publication which goes out to all CRC's. He will, I think, be interested in the article on mass spectrometry on pages 8 and 9. I understand a tentative appointment has also been made for you to meet Dr. Bier; this would be useful in the event that Smith decides not to come to the Rockefeller.

In checking further into the matter of which faculty salaries are incorporated into our reimbursement rate calculation I learned that there is in fact one faculty member, Dr. Winchester, whose salary is included in that calculation although he is salaried by a Research Career Development Award. The full list of faculty and the percentage of their salary which is recovered through the reimbursement rate is shown in the following table:

Ahrens	75%	Kunkel	60%
Archibald	95%	McCarty	2%
Dole	20%	Peterson	50%
Hirsch	70%	Winchester	100%
Kappas	90%	Zabriskie	60%

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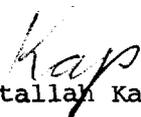
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The R.U. accountant feels that the inclusion of Dr. Winchester's full salary as a cost to the Hospital is not inappropriate since the professional salaries included in the reimbursement rate were arbitrarily chosen in a negotiation between his office and the Blue Cross people; thus a number of staff, who in fact admit patients for clinical care as well as research, do not have their salaries calculated into this rate while curiously others like Dr. Archibald, who have no in-patient activity at all, have nearly their entire salary recovered in this manner. In any case the extent to which clinical faculty salaries are recovered by the University through insurance reimbursement is substantial and this may be useful to bring to the attention of other faculty, who might be reluctant to put any fraction of a tenured salary on grant applications. Other statistics of interest are that our reimbursement rates have increased this year (Blue Cross \$220/day; Medicare \$190/day; Private insurers \$334/day) and that currently 16% of our admissions qualify for reimbursement. If we continue a bed/day occupancy rate of about 9,000/year and a reimbursable fraction of 15% of these beds, than at an average recovery of \$200/bed-day we could easily be self-sustaining in terms of the post-doctoral program which was began last year with development funds.

I don't know whether Carl Pfaffmann sent you the curriculum vitae and publications list of Marcel Kinsbourne but they are enclosed. George Miller and I had lunch with him last week and I must say I found his conversation and his description of his interests in the "behavioural toxicology" of children fascinating. Surprisingly the seminar which he gave afterwards did not come across well at all. Curiously, also he has more than 30 publications in press at the present time; that seems like an awful lot to be presenting to the world at one time.

I appreciated the chance to have the second meeting with you on your last visit; and it was particularly important that Henry Kunkel had the chance to talk about the Hospital with you.

Yours sincerely,


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