June 29

Dear Dr. Mirenberg:

I congratulate you on your work and on the honor that has been bestowed upon you for it. But I am writing you especially because of the sparkling and impressive presentation you made to our Council on Saturday.

Though we did not know the details of the subject, you gave us a sense of intuitive understanding. It was a fine job.

I envy you the life and time you have ahead of you, and I am glad that you are hoping this phase of it in the Public Health Service.

As you pointedly know, the University of Michigan is my
Helen M. - and Hank Christiansen
is one of my Ph.D.s. I may
Therefore take pride in your
as a sort of scientific grandam.

You may not know how
That I entered the Public Health
Service in 1917 (Asst. Sanitary
Engineer, attached to the Hygiene
Laboratory, the forerunner of N.I.H.),
I stayed in it until 1921, during
which I got my Ph.D. As a
result I feel a great debt to
the P.H.S. - and must pay for it
wherever they ask me. So far,
I'm on my fourth Council, and
have been, in on the establishment
of the Fellowship and Graduate
programs. John, Shockey, Anytime,
and many others, I count as
my "boys."

With great faith in your
future - very sincerely,

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