

December 4, 1950

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Saranac's Proposal to Q. A. M. A.

Dear Ivan:

We have always been somewhat disturbed by the arrangement about release of information on test data. Saranac's wording in the Proposal seems to me inadequate. We have never intended to suppress information, but feel its release should be timely and that we should have the right of advance knowledge so we could make such defensive moves as might be available to us.

Please spell out in the agreement with Saranac a more precise understanding on release of information. Here below is quoted from an agreement I found in some material from Dr. Lanza. I suggest you use the same principles in the understanding with Saranac:

"Information to be furnished by The Donor or its affiliated companies to the staff of The Institute and results of The Institute's studies are confidential and The Institute will use its best efforts to see that such information is not disclosed, without The Donor's written consent, to persons other than those actually engaged in the investigations under this Agreement. It is appreciated that the results of such investigations may be of public and medical interest and it is understood that The University reserves the right to have members of The Institute publish the results of the experimental studies conducted by The Institute which are of public and medical interest, but that before any of the scientific results obtained in these studies are so published, a copy of the material to be published shall be submitted to The Donor at least thirty (30) days before publication for its comments or criticism. It is also understood and agreed that The Donor, or its affiliated companies will not be identified nor will proprietary names of its or their products be used in connection with such published results without The Donor's consent."

We assume you will proceed to provide a letter of understanding embodying final arrangements with Saranac in accordance with their Proposal and the minutes of our meeting of November 7, 1950.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Woodard

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