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My dear Dr. Schram,

The information in your letter from Darling regarding the two sets of mice was as much of a surprise to Mr. Rife as it was to me. Unfortunately the mice arrived at a rather inopportune time as your visit was immediately followed by a three weeks' stay of Dr. Walker from the Hooper Foundation. We were busy day after day teaching him the technique that we followed in recovering the B. I. so that he would be able to repeat the experiments in San Francisco.

Also, about that time, the new Rife Ray Machine had arrived at its point of construction when elaborate tests had to be made in order to synchronize the M. O. R. produced by it with the M. O. R. produced by the old machine. Now, we are in the throes of accurately charting the 14,000 possible settings on the new machine. Our next process, beginning next week, is to test its penetration, the time required in the different exposures, the different depths of lesions. So, take it altogether we are just about as busy as a bear in berrytime.

Trying to cultivate strange germs and identify them in malignant tissue is just about as difficult and tedious a job as one can undertake and does not want any interruption if a worthwhile job is to be done. I realize that any idiot can make excuses. Hence, I am not writing this with the idea of excusing myself. I am simply writing it to show you why we could not at that particular time have followed out your instructions and desires even if we had understood them. When things get settled down and we get through studying the life cycle and the means of killing B. I. and its derivatives, then, we will have time to take up some of these other subjects.

I was glad you reached home safely. You will be interested to know that a couple of the New Haven mice are still alive.

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This press of time and work that I have described should convince you how badly we need a grant to employ some assistance in our laboratory. We are going on anyhow, but we will naturally have to go slower unless we get assistance.

As soon as we get straightened out on some of this work that is pressing us at this time, I shall write you again. I shall be very glad then to receive some more tumorous mice and hunt for some other organism besides *B. Ixini* their tissues.

Mr. Rife asked me to send his regards to you and please accept my own.

Yours very sincerely,

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