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F.F. Russell to GKS

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Dear Dr. Strode:

I have your personal letter of March 4, 1929, which refers to the term "research" as one of the functions of our organization for the future. What we had in mind was research which we ourselves could do, such as Hackett and Collins are doing in malaria; that is the thing I should like to develop. The research to which you refer would be in practice giving grants of money in aid of research to be done by other persons and institutes. We did not have this in mind at the time. However, just as we have granted some funds to Brumpt and to Swellengrebel for researches in malaria, so we might make grants of this character in the future, always with the hope that ultimately we would have the men and facilities to make the study ourselves, or at least with a nucleus of our staff and a local organization made up of nationals of the country in which we were working, and that we would be responsible for the direction of the research. I doubt very much whether it would be wise for us to get into the habit of making grants to others for research over which we would have little or no control. Other divisions of the Foundation will make grants in aid of research for universities and institutes which is another reason for us to forego that activity.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) F.F. Russell