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Through Doctor Bauer

Dear Doctor Strode:

When Dr. Bauer was here he read to me your cable of September 2 (to him, relayed from Paris) in which you indicated that you did not look with favor upon my recommendation to abandon the attempt to eradicate Anopheles labranchiae from Sardinia.

Additional evidence of the technical difficulty of eradicating labranchiae has come to hand since I wrote on August 28 to JHB recommending that the attempt to eradicate labranchiae be abandoned forthwith. This information is contained in my confidential letter to you of September 7, with which I enclosed Dr. Aitken's diary for the period August 28-31, 1947

with unlimited time and unlimited funds it might be possible to eradicate labranchiae from Sardinia, but we have definitely limited time and definitely limited funds. Thus, eradication, while possible, does not appear to me to be feasible.

If your final decision is to continue the attempt to eradicate labranchiae, I regret that I must ask you to relieve me of responsibility for administering the project. I do not have either the mental or the physical stamina required for this task, which I am convinced is certain to fail, for reasons which are entirely beyond your control.

I discussed all these matters with Dr. Bauer while he was here. He suggested that I write as I have, at this time. I had decided that I must do so eventually if my recommendation were not acceptable to you.

In making this request to be relieved of responsibility for the project here I have not forgotten what you told me in April about staff members with experience in this sort of work. Even so, I feel that I can do nothing else.

Respectfully yours,

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