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Dear Dr. Russell,--

It is with the sincerest regret that I attempt to write to you regarding the loss of Dr. Noguchi. While I did not have the opportunity of working with him here in West Africa, I will always cherish the memory of studying with him at the Institute in June 1927 and of a brief stay with him in Accra in April of this year. I not only had an opportunity to see his work, but I also had the pleasure of becoming personally acquainted with him and came to be very fond of him.

It does not behoove me to eulogize Dr. Noguchi, but I know that you must realize the most profound regret I have that such a loss must be sustained by all of us in this work, and not the less by medical science and investigation. Please accept my sympathies and extend them to others suffering the same great loss.

I have likewise to refer to the sad event of Dr. Young's death in Accra. It seems a pity the more because he was not one of us and the loss is felt by another people, as well as by us who knew him and worked with him. I have always found him most willing to cooperate with us in sending tissues and information for our use, and his association with Dr. Noguchi and the investigations in Accra bespeak his interest and kindness in that direction. I am sure that his death will be felt by the medical administration on the Gold Coast and certainly also by the general medical work of the West Coast.

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This is a very sad letter referring to these valiant workers who fell victims of the disease they were studying. I cannot help but feel that their lives were not laid down in vain, and my greatest hope is that something will come of this work that will in part repay the world for their loss.

We again have been attempting to tighten our lines of defense here and have applied further measures that we hope will more nearly insure the safety of us all. The responsibility is great, especially on those of us who have been here since the first and passed through the sad experiences of last September. We are glad that Dr. Klotz has arrived and has added valuable suggestions in this direction.

I think that I can say that while all feel the recent losses keenly, the morale is good and there will be no deviation from the good purposes of us who are conducting the experimentation.

I trust that you will see fit to pay us a visit. I am sure that we would profit much thereby.

With my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

N. Paul Hudson