

BUREAU OF SOCIAL HYGIENE, INC.
PENN TERMINAL BUILDING
370 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

June 10, 1924,

Request from Mrs. Margaret Sanger

to the

Bureau of Social Hygiene or to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. personally,

For \$10,000 toward the amintenance of the Clinical Research Bureau

from July 1st, 1924 to June 30th, 1925.

Opened - - - - - January 2, 1923, at 104 Fifth Avenue.

Purpose - - - - - First, a scientific study of methods of contraception through
careful preliminary examination, prescription and follow-up with
adequate record keeping.

Second, such help to individuals as necessarily results.

Third, for the value of the accurate information gained by the
Clinic for propoganda purposes.

Patients - - - - - Received from social workers, charitable institutions,
hospitals, physicians and nurses in private practice, etc., etc.

Cases in 1923 - - - - - Treated 1,558.

Many received who had to be turned away either for lack of time
or because they did not come within the scope of the Clinic.

Legal Status - - - - - The Clinic works within the legal boundaries defined
by Judge Frederick Crane of the New York Court of Appeals. This
decision states in effect that the giving of contraceptive informa-
tion to married persons for the cure or prevention of disease may
be legally done by a duly licensed physician.

There has been no police interference with the Clinic.

Total Expenditures for 1923 - - - - - \$9,650., contributed by nine individuals, the largest one of \$5,000, the smallest one of \$50. The largest contribution was made by Clinton Chance of London to enable Mrs. Sanger to begin the work. This will not be repeated.

Estimated Budget from July 1st, 1924 to June 30th, 1925 - - - - - \$15,000.

This includes rent, the services of two physicians, materials and incidentals.

Remarks - - - - - Dr. Dorothy Bocker, M. A., M. D., is well trained for her work. She has, I believe, excellent judgment and has made a valuable contribution to the subject of birth control methods in a pamphlet for physicians only, in which is a careful analysis of those treated by her. In our present state of knowledge of contraception, the most important point is the securing of accurate records which have met scientific tests. From lack of funds the Clinic in the last months has been obliged to discontinue the services of Dr. Bocker's assistant. This has resulted in less complete records. The Clinic is obliged to turn away daily many more patients than it can handle. These come from the poor class who are unable to pay for such service. It is a great temptation to those in charge to do more practical work and less of record-keeping. Yet in our present state of knowledge 500 cases accurately followed would be worth more socially than many times that number with less complete records.

Recommendation - - - - - I recommend that Mrs. Sanger's request be granted with a proviso, which Mrs. Sanger assures me will be gladly met, that the form of record be approved by leading physicians interested in this work and that these records be available for scientific study by such a group, for example, as the Committee on Maternal Health.

Katharine Lement-Davis

General Secretary of the
Bureau of Social Hygiene.

commitment

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June 17, 1924.

Dear Miss Davis:

Referring to the request from Mrs. Margaret Sanger for a contribution of \$10,000 from the Bureau of Social Hygiene for the maintenance of a Clinic Research Bureau from July 1st, 1924 to June 30th, 1925, I confirm herewith what I said to you at luncheon yesterday; namely, that in my judgment it is not wise for the Bureau of Social Hygiene to make this gift. Furthermore, that you are at liberty to say to Mrs. Sanger that you have sought to interest certain of your friends in the project, and that if you can be assured that careful and accurate records of the various cases dealt with at the clinic will be kept, such records as you yourself might regard as satisfactory, you believe that you can secure a contribution of \$5,000 toward the work of the clinic for the year above referred to. Such a gift, if made, would be made with the further understanding that it is from unknown donors, and that no effort will be made to ascertain who they may be.

If you find these conditions are agreed to, my office upon hearing from you is authorized to send you a cashier's check for my account of \$5,000. for the purposes above set forth.

Very sincerely,

Miss Katherine B. Davis,
370 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.