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Dear Ron,

Dr. Sheard visited me thursday, and I found his study interesting, his goals ambitious. To the extent that- he is interested in evaluating drug effects, we are able and interested in helping him. I gave him detailed suggestions about data recording, equipment, processing costs, and some background of the experiences of my laboratory.

In addition, I referred him to Dr. Russell Monroe who has a similar project in Baltimore; suggested he consider the use of an activation test (the alpha-chloralose procedure, for example) to classify his patients; and wrote a letter of introduction to Russ Monroe for him. Both men have similar processing problems, similar questions, and in this day of limited funds, their working in tandem may reduce their costs.

With regard to the lactate proposal, I discussed your call with Drs. Taylor and Abtams, and suggested that they call you directly for specific ways that they can improve their proposal. Should they wish to re-apply and accept your advice, I indicated that my prior agreement was assured.

Thanks for your efforts on their behalf and for referring Dr. Sheard to me. I hope I was helpful to him.

Sincerely yours,

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