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PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE BLDG.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

January 28, 1933

My dear Dr. Rife,

I will arrive at the Hotel Cortez Monday the thirtieth at 12:30 with Richard Winter and James Muscatti. I would like very much for you to have lunch with me at that time.

That evening I am to speak in San Diego. However, I will have the afternoon pretty free and, if convenient, we would like to come out to your laboratory.

If I am not ^{at the hotel} ~~there~~ by 12:30 you will know I am on my way and will be there in a few minutes so be sure to wait for me. Please try to have lunch with us.

Yours very sincerely,



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San Diego, Calif.

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February 3, 1933

My dear Doctor,

With this letter I am sending you a copy of an article in the January 27 issue of "Science", page 10 entitled "Cholesterol As Soil for the Growth of Cancer".

A careful reading of this article will no doubt suggest to you as it did to me that perhaps the exposure of Medium K to the argon light had something to do with producing some kind of vitamin in Medium K rather than a new action that the light itself might have had on the germs. May I take the liberty of suggesting that rather than expose the germs next time to your light that you prepare a lot of Medium K, after a thorough sterilization, etc. as it is ordinarily prepared, and expose the Medium itself to the light. Later on in this exposed Media, see if you can not grow the same germs and avoid the aerobic treatment that you subjected them to in the first experiment. Do you get the drift of what I am trying to say?

I wrote Dr. Kendall very fully of what you told me and sent it by airmail. If I get an answer from him I will send it to you. Perhaps he will address you directly.

Yours very sincerely,



Dr. Royal R. Rife
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San Diego, Calif.

February 10, 1933

My dear Doctor,

In my recent letter to you I told you that I would send you Dr. Kendall's letter when it came and so you will find it inclosed with this letter. After reading it will you please send it back to me for my files. I think you will find it interesting and maybe suggestive.

I would suggest that you send Dr. Kendall a good live culture of your purple bugs that he might test them for their staining and other qualities.

By the way, as these creatures are good and lively I would like to have you try to test them on your oscillating ray and find at what point you can explode them. That would be very interesting and might give you some idea as to how to treat them.

I am leaving for a northern speaking trip Sunday noon and I will be gone all of the week. However, when I come back I hope you can find time to run away and come up and spend the night with me so that we can have an opportunity to talk over lots of things.

Very sincerely, your friend,



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April 5, 1935

My dear Dr. Rife,

While at the California Club this noon I was talking to our friend, Dr. Ellis Jones. You will no doubt remember him from the night of dinner out at Belbank.

Dr. Jones was telling me that a man by the name of Glover, who is now in the Institute of Hygiene at Washington, has succeeded in isolating a micrococcus of carcinoma. Dr. Jones is going to Washington in the very near future to a Medical meeting and wants very much to come down to San Diego with me to see your filterable form of germ. We would like to know when you could see us, either next Saturday or Sunday. If on Saturday, we would prefer to make it Saturday evening after dinner so that we could return Sunday morning. Otherwise, we would like to meet you in the afternoon on Sunday. Please telegraph me upon receipt of this letter which time would be convenient for you.

I think it very important that you see Dr. Jones and me before he goes East because he probably will be able to bring back some of the other organisms and you can readily see whether or not they are like yours. This Glover discovery was announced only a few days ago.

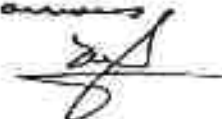
Please telegraph me as soon as you receive this letter and let me know definitely what we can do.

Very sincerely, your friend,



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*Please try to have a fresh culture of your purple
bacteria for Dr. Jones when he arrives.*



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April 5, 1933

Milbank Johnson was
Also Medical Director
Pacific Mutual Life
Insurance Co. - tall
building next to
Biltmore Hotel
in Los Angeles

Received your telegram yesterday.
Your reply. Dr. Ellis Jones
came here after lunch Saturday,
San Diego and have dinner at the

We like very much to have you
come here at six o'clock if you find
it possible to do so.

For dinner we will try to be at
San Diego around seven o'clock. Be sure
to bring lively cultures of both your
and the filterable form of

As we told you before Dr. Jones
is tremendously enthusiastic
about your laboratory and your new
work. He will tell us all about the man
who has isolated the germ under
your supervision.

In haste,

Very sincerely, your friend,

Milbank Johnson

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July 26, 1955

My dear Dr. Rife,

I have just received a letter from Dr. Karl Meyer of San Francisco in which he wants to make a tentative engagement with me to take him down to your laboratory, Tuesday, August 1.

arrive here from Arizona at 8:30. We will start San Diego so that we can get in time for Dr. Meyer to leave at 8:30 for San Francisco. That a couple of hours or so with me all right?

is Jones has not returned to His secretary told me she would be back around the first is now in London, England having the rest of us are working in

let you know if there is any program of Dr. Meyer's. You see if you are going to be here today, August 1. I think that opportunity to show your work of the biggest men in the

Yours very sincerely,



2000 Chatsworth Blvd.
San Diego, Calif.

Karl Meyer
Director of University
of Calif "Hooper
FOUNDATION" - Medical
Research Center in
San Francisco
Best in USA

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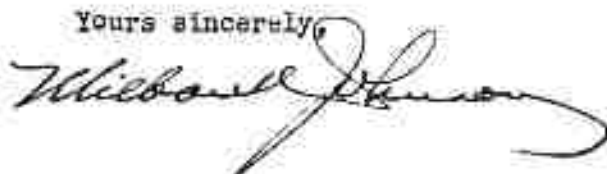
September 13, 1935

My dear Doctor,

I am leaving here next Wednesday for Chicago and New York and as I will see Dr. Arthur Kendall, I know he is going to want me to tell him all about your new microscope. I do not have a sign of a picture to show him and explain to him. Could you make me a print and get it to me before I leave next Wednesday, Sept. 20? I would appreciate it very much if you could because you know it would be very difficult to explain the instrument because there never has been anything like it before.

In haste,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milbank Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours sincerely,".

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November 9, 1933

My dear Doctor,

I am back again at the old stand and I am dying to have a chat with you about some of the things I learned in the East. When are you coming up to Los Angeles?

Of course I saw Dr. Kendall and he was the same old doctor thoroughly interested in his work and asked so many times about your new microscope.

How are the rats? While I was in Chicago, I went out with Dr. Kendall to call on Dr. Maud Sly, the geneticist, who has for twenty-five years been breeding mice for cancers. She has done some of the darndest things you ever heard with those mice. She claims that she can breed mice so as to have either sarcoma or carcinoma in almost any part of the body that she would name beforehand. She has absolutely no sympathy with anybody who thinks that either sarcoma or carcinoma might be due to a germ. I had a very interesting interview with the lady. I only wish I could be as sure of anything as she is sure of herself. I thought she approached the whole question in a most unscientific way and I was very much disappointed in my visit. What I was trying to do was to get some sarcoma or carcinoma mice for you to experiment on with your ray. By golly, she would not even let me see a microscopic slide of some of the tumors notwithstanding the fact that I was taken out there by Dr. Kendall to whom she was under very great obligations for past favors.

Please let me know when you expect to be in Los Angeles because I am overloaded with stories of Dr. Kendall's work that I want to tell you.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Rife are well,
I am

Very sincerely, your friend,



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November 28, 1933

My dear Dr. Rife,

The lost is found. I think I told you that Dr. Kendall and I called on Dr. Maud Sly of the University of Chicago and looked at her tumorous mice and that she refused to even let us have a slide taken from some of the tumors. We did succeed in getting from her the names of two laboratories or institutions which have tumorous mice and I thought you probably could get some young ones and, as they breed very rapidly, could probably develop a strain of your own.

These institutions are:

Greeting Institute
567 3rd Ave.
New York City, N. Y.

The Small Stock Industry
748 Lincoln St.
Springfield, Md.

Both of these places have a large collection of tumorous mice and they sell them very reasonably. However, if I were you, I would write to them and see what you can get and what the prices will be.

I have not heard from you yet as to what Mrs. Bridges has to say in regard to Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.

Yours very sincerely



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March 12, 1934

My dear Doctor Rife,

I am inclosing a couple of clippings which I think will interest you, more to show you that people are still thinking about this subject.

These things are getting more and more common and shows that we have got to get right down to business and begin to hustle. Are you going to be able to see me next Saturday. If so, I will try and come town.

I am very curious to know what you think of my letter to Dr. Kendall and whether or not I described the condition correctly. If I did not, you write to him and correct any mistatements of mine.

I am inclosing an invitation which I received to the Community Health Meeting of the American College of Surgeons. You will note on the third page that Dr. Robert B. Greenough of Boston, President-Elect of the American College of Surgeons, is going to talk on cancer, "It Is a Curable Disease." This will be a very interesting talk and if you would like to go, I will go with you. Telephone me beforehand so I can make the necessary arrangements. This will be Wednesday Evening, March 14, at eight o'clock. If you decide to come bring this program with you.

Be sure to let me know whether or not you can see me Saturday. *In haste* -

Yours very sincerely,



Dr. Royal R. Rife
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SAN RAFAEL HEIGHTS
PASADENA

Don't forget to phone me - Ed

September 18, 1935

Medical Superintendent
County Hospital
San Diego, California

My dear Doctor,

Mr. Thomas Knight, a former patient in your hospital, appeared in my office this morning in Los Angeles under very great distress. He claimed that he had left your hospital because he would not consent to the amputation of his right eye which you had recommended.

He came directly from San Diego to my office and I have had his eye very carefully examined here. The best expert advice that I can get is that you people are entirely right - the eye should be enucleated. Mr. Knight has consented to have it done by your staff.

I hope you will forgive him for getting panicky and refusing to have the operation done, let bygones be bygones and receive him again into your care. The old man means right. Naturally he did not understand why it was necessary to enucleate the eye. He has promised me now that he will be good and put himself entirely under the orders of the doctors in your hospital.

Mr. Knight knows your citizen, Mr. Royal R. Rife, and is very anxious to have him present at the operation. Mr. Rife's address is - 2500 Chatsworth Blvd.; phone - Bayview 0080. Please humor him in this.

I will sincerely appreciate any courtesies you can show Mr. Knight.

Yours very sincerely,

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December 7, 1936

My dear Roy:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Dr. Meyer which is self-explanatory and which I am sending you for your information.

I received your letter in regard to Dr. Bridges and I must say that I am at sea to know what to do. It still appears to me, with all that you have done in the development of facts which are of paramount importance to the world and which entitle you to every honor conceivable, that still unless you are recognized by the profession of medicine, all the facts would be of little avail to humanity. Recognition of you and your work has been my aim for the last three or four years and it looks like you have built up in your own mind an insurmountable obstacle to that end.

I do hope that in the near future you and I can have a good long heart-to-heart talk about the whole business and come to some reasonable solution to the problem. You now have as perfect a one-man laboratory as anyone could desire but you know you cannot make a reputation out of brick and mortar, because if that were true, the Rockefeller Foundation and Cal Tech would have reputations so high that nobody could approach them. Principles, a compliance with the amenities of life, infinite patience, and a willingness to subject oneself to all kinds of personal inconveniences and worries have been the price that every great research man has had to pay for success. Money and equipment in the past have never produced the great advances that have been made in the world of science.

I wish you would plan to come up to Los Angeles in the near future so that we can discuss this whole matter plainly with an idea of arriving at some definite conclusion and avoiding future misunderstandings.

Yours very sincerely,



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