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Dr. V. A. Pertzoff  
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Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Pertzoff:

I have read about the chemical work you are to direct on cancer research in India, and am particularly interested in that field. I am a pharmaceutical chemist, a graduate of Harvard, with twelve years' subsequent experience of successful research in colloids and colloidal phenomena. For seven years I was head of the group on colloids and emulsions on the research staff of E. R. Squibb & Sons. I left them in 1929 and went to London to become connected with the American enterprise of a British firm producing exclusively pharmaceutical colloids, but the ensuing financial panic caused the project to be still born.

While at Squibb's, I thought that if I could prepare a non-toxic, colloidal lead solution, it might reduce the fatalities of the lead treatment of Blair Bell's. I developed this solution, and after the necessary animal work, and in conjunction with a clinic, studied thirty cases of cancer over a period of a year. We found, as others have since found also, that the non-toxic solution was harmless to the cancer cells. The description of the solution and the results were published, Chemical Abstracts (1930) 3150. I have another publication on the silver proteins, Chemical Abstracts (1927) 625. Of course, since that time, everyone has come to realize that only a small group of cancers is amenable to lead treatment. I have also prepared colloidal bismuth for syphilis, colloidal manganese for general immunity, liver extract concentrates, vitamin concentrates, and a number of such things covering twelve years of experience. Cancer, however, has always held my imagination. I realize fully that the pay for this work is lower than that which one gets in commercial work, and would be prepared to make that sacrifice.

Therefore, I am writing you to ask if there is a possible chance of joining your staff. If so, I will be glad to come to you for an interview, since Boston is my home and I am there quite often. For references, I give you Dr. Mark W. Tapley, Assistant to the President, E. R. Squibb & Sons, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and Dr. Lloyd K. Riggs, New Jersey College of Pharmacy, Newark, N. J. I hope you will grant me an interview.

Yours very truly,

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