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Dear Dr. Bousfield,

I have your letter of November 30, together with a copy of one from you to Dr. Joseph, of the same date.

As you point out, we have before the two of us the problem of bridging the time interval between your suggested date for my starting work in Macon County and the completion of Dr. Joseph's training. We find the prospect of a year and a half separation untenable and wish to submit an alternate proposition. It includes three points: my course for the school year and date of starting work, Dr. Joseph's program until my starting work, and salary.

1: I suggest that I complete as much of my school work in Public Health as possible this school year. This include courses in biostatistics (which will be valuable for the handling of any statistical material that will come up in the work of either -- and we intend it shall come up). Public Health Administration and Epidemiology (which speak for themselves) and Tropical Diseases (which should be most helpful in Macon County). During all this time I shall continue my work in the tuberculosis clinics of New York, gaining not only more clinical experience, but also learning more about administrative routine, case finding methods, and the supervision of control methods. Dr. Edwards, my chief, has intimated that I shall be made a physician-in-charge of a clinic which will add greatly to my training. Furthermore I am on the visiting staff at Sea View Hospital and my work and attendance there is of considerable value. It seems to me that Rosenwald and the project in Macon County will be getting the benefit of my training without having to spend a cent and should not object to a delay until June 1, 1938.

2: Dr. Joseph will be free to enter training of some sort on or about March 1, 1938. It seems hardly necessary to say that she is as anxious to do as good a



job in Macon County as Rosenwald is to have a good job done. While I do not mean to presume on your far greater experience and knowledge of requirements for her work, it has been suggested that at least an important part of her work will be in preventive measures and such training might be obtained from the various Department of Health and Hospital Clinics in New York and that her own as well as your connections with the Health Department officials will make that available. This may be a point you can tell us more about. The suggestion then is that Dr. Joseph spend three months in such training and come down with me June 1, 1938, and that during those three months Rosenwald allow her \$100 a month for maintenance.

3: We feel that the minimum salaries for the work outlined should be \$3000 per year for myself, \$2500 per year for Dr. Joseph, traveling expenses to Alabama and incurred in the course of the work. We appreciate the necessity of several years work to properly establish the programs and wish to have provision made for salary increases during this time.

I should welcome the opportunity of seeing you the nineteenth at any time or any place in New York convenient to you.

Very truly yours,

W. Peterson

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