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Dear Bill:

My work here has been going nicely and I have quite a lot done. Six new experiments are being duplicated and should be ready for distribution soon, several others on the fire, and I have done some writing on the reference section.

I have been corresponding with D. Van Nostrand Co., Partly about obtaining rights to the old Mack and France manual. They are very enthusiastic about our project and their editorial committee has decided to make us a publication offer. The question now arises as to whether I have the right to proceed with this.

There seems to be no question but that I can enter into a contract for publication of the reference portion, since I was granted publication rights on this last fall for myself and collaborators. It seems, however, that if I tie to a publisher for the reference portion this also naturally entails publication of the laboratory portion, when ready, by the same publisher. We could let this go until the next meeting, except for the fact that we would like to get the rights to revise and use some of the best experiments from the old Mack and France manual. I believe this would be very much to our advantage. According to your understanding, am I legally competent to act on behalf of the Editorial Committee and thus for MACTLAC in contracting for the eventual publication of the laboratory portion of the manual. I have written Joe Danforth for his opinion, but would like yours also. In any case I would get approval of the other members of the Editorial Committee before signing a contract for publication. They have offered tentatively 12% of retail selling price on the first 5000 and 15% on all copies sold thereafter as royalty. Royalties on the laboratory portion would, of course,

be repaid