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Army Medical Museum and Library,  
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My Dear Carroll:

Yesterday I received your first letter and today, your second came. I am intensely gratified to hear that Guiteras & Finlay have been able at last to confirm our experiments, although very sorry to learn that two of their cases are so severe. It was disappointing not to be permitted to draw blood from such a typical case, but you must know how very timid Guiteras is about anything that looks like a surgical operation. You have a couple of old "fogies" to deal with in the case of Guiteras & Ross. If you want the two buildings from Camp Lazear, by all means, have them brought in, if you can, but I am afraid that you will not have time to do that. Stay until Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> if necessary, but not longer. The finding of certain intracellular bonding by Borax-Methylene blue is very interesting. I can hardly believe that these are the long-sought parasite, although I sincerely hope so. How delightful it would be if the disease could be diagnosed microscopically! Are there any cases of Y.F. in the city, other than the experiential case? What news have you from Santiago de las Vegas? Send me any particulars that you can get from Gorgas – your information about Santiago is quite interesting. Think of such a fool as Coronado! Who cares whether he believes in this wave of propagation or not? What difference would it make any how? Ten to one he will now claim the theory and the proof like all other wise men that we know of! Give my regards to Dr. Ross, who is another "weak brother". Have written to Mr. Preuss to send you the polychrome methylene blue. Keep me posted—

Sincerely, Yours,  
Walter Reed