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Charles E. Stager, Ph.D. Department of Pathology Ben Taub General Hospital 1502 Taub Loop Houston, TX 77030

Dear Dr. Stager:

Please update me on the status of your Moran Foundation project (3-90-0049) entitled "Rapid Identification Directly from Blood Cultures of Most Common Pathogenic Microorganisms Causing Septicemia Using Their Differences in Chemical Structure and High Resolution H1-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy".

Since approval and funding is generally for a one-year period, all projects approved in or prior to June 1991 should now be "complete", or nearly so.

I need a progress and/or final report regarding your project, including dates and times of any presentations, and information regarding any publications.

Please submit this to me within the next 30 days.

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Migliore, M.D. Research Director

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c: Dr. Michael Lieberman Mr. John Moran



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Philip J. Migliore, M.D. Research Director The Moran Foundation Baylor College of Medicine Houston, Tx. 77030

Dear Dr. Migliore:

In response to your letter of June 23, 1992, we are currently writing a paper on the use of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy for the identification of <u>Escheri-</u> <u>chia coli. Klebsiella pneumoniae. Serratia marscens.</u> <u>Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Enterococcus faecalis and Staphy-</u> <u>lococcus aureus</u> from blood agar or blood cultures. We have run a total of 39 strains and for each genus and species, we have found the NMR spectra to be unique and reproducible. Major peaks for each type of bacteria have occurred at the same ppm of the spectrum or within <u>+</u> 0.005 ppm. Myself, Dr. Delpassand and Dr. Morrisett have accurately identified a series of unknown organisms, using an algorithm that we developed for the NMR spectra. We plan to submit the paper to the New England Journal of Medicine and will provide a draft of the paper for your consideration.

We thank the Moran Foundation for supporting this project.

Sincerely,

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Charles E. Stager, Ph.D.