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To Dr. Flick from Dr. D. J. McCarthy.

Continental Hotel, Berlin,
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Dear Dr. Flick:

I am still seeking out points in Berlin. Dr. Pannwitz has been all attention and altogether has been of much assistance. I had a long talk with him today concerning his coming visit, etc. He said concerning the "honorarium" that it was impossible for him to say what would be proper fee, as he expected to go as a matter of duty and was not in the position of the ordinary practicing physician. He also said that a good deal would depend on the expenses on the other side (America) which he understands to be rather heavy. He would not, however, venture an estimate. I then told him your idea and he said 'that was a good round sum and ought to suffice' in any event. In reference to Calmette he said he was a rich man (had given some 3,000,000 francs to the Pasteur) was an idealist, tuberculosis expert, and that no difficulty need be feared in that quarter.

Koch at present is in Africa - and is not expected back in a long time - not really known when. He (Pannwitz) had no doubt that not only he (Koch) but many others could be induced by him (Pannwitz) to come over to the Congress the following year. He took me to call on Ahltoff - Minister of Education, Religion, etc., and touched on the question of the Congress for the following year. Ahltoff said, and Pannwitz considers him to be the foremost influential person in Germany in this respect, that it was very pleasing to them to feel the Congress should go to America after this coming one. Pannwitz considers this matter now having been presented by a member of the Institute, to be on a working basis and suggests the following working scheme - That a committee (national) on tuberculosis be arranged as a constituent member of the International Bureau from representative experts such as yourself, Osler, Knopf Trudeau, etc., this coming Fall, and he suggests that as secretary he could facilitate this work when he comes over in November. He, as others here, considers the Institute (Phipps) as the representative organization, the only one in this field in America, and all this work ought to be taken from its initiative . . .

Hoping you are well - with best regards to the staff, I am

Yours,

D. J. McCarthy.