

(From secretary's notebook)

(To American Ambassador, Berlin)

Aug. 27th, 1914.

Dear Ambassador:

I have had a communication from the U. S. about the supply of salvarsan, the famous 606 remedy for syphilis, which is only made in Germany under Prof. Ehrlich's direction. The stoppage of the importation by the war is most serious and it has been suggested that possibly through your kind offices Prof. Ehrlich might be induced to allow the manufacture of the drug to be carried on in the U. S. under the direction of the Rockefeller Institute, and with any conditions financial or otherwise that he wished to impose. Prof. Ehrlich is an old friend of mine and I enclose a letter which, if you like, might be forwarded.

Prof. Welch of Johns Hopkins Hospital also a very old friend of Dr. Ehrlich has been at Carlsbad under the care of Dr. Kraus. He would have great influence if you could possibly get into communication with him.

As the matter is one really of national importance I venture to solicit your kind cooperation. It is quite possible, of course, that Prof. Flexner, the Director of the Rockefeller Institute, may already have been in communication with Ehrlich through you.

Wm. Osler.