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Dr. William Mandel, Director  
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Dear Dr. Mandel

I thank you for your recent note concerning the position of Chief of General Surgery in your hospital, and the material about the Highland General Hospital that I find most interesting. I have written to the California State Board of Medical Examiners in Sacramento concerning the licensure.

I would like to inquire what the administrative hierarchy is as I note that Dr. B. E. Adams is the Chief of Surgical Services. I would be also interested to know something about the interrelation between the thoracic-cardiac and vascular-general surgical services. Does your hospital have some kind of a University affiliation? What are the experimental, laboratory facilities and the research budget, if any.

You may wish to correspond with the following gentleman with or under whom I worked, Dr. Owen H. Wangensteen, Professor of Surgery, University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Richard C. Lillehei, Associate Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn; Dr. John Perry, Professor of Surgery and Chief Department of Surgery, Anker Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota; Dr. C. Walton Lillehei, Professor of Surgery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

As you probably know Dr. C. Walton Lillehei accepted the position at Cornell in New York and thus may be hard put to correspond with.

Sincerely

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