

ED/920 /68

February 2nd, 1968.

Dear Prof. Shimkim:

Thank you for your telegram which was received on January 19th, 1968, and which reads as follows: "PLEASE WIRE UNDERSIGNED WHEN REID MATERIALS RECEIVED AND CONDITION AND OTHER ITEM NEEDED - D.B. SHIMKIM DEPARTMENT OF ANTHRO-
LOGY UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS".

It was not very clear from the above telegram whether the chemicals and reagents were booked direct to us or would be received through Dr. Reid. In my letter dated November 25th, 1967, to Dr. Reid, it was clearly mentioned that he should arrange to import the reagents and chemicals necessary for the work on our side. He had indicated this fact in his letter to you dated November 28th, 1967, (vide your letter dated December 8th, 1967, to Dr. Reid, copy to Dr. L. D. Sanghvi). Thus not knowing any details of the consignment, its value and source of supply, we could not arrange to obtain the necessary import permit and consequent custom clearance. Still with little difficulty we have cleared some of the perishable materials pending the production of a valid Import Licence. We have yet to clear from custom's custody some items received by post from Sigma Laboratories, one Carton from Toronto and another received by BOAC, details of the contents we are not aware of. Import restrictions at this end are so stringent that even chemicals beyond a certain value cannot be received as gift without valid import licence and payment of custom duty.

I would, therefore, request you to write me a letter in DUPLICATE giving the following details so as to enable us to obtain the necessary licence and clear the parcels as quickly as possible after paying necessary custom duty. You may indicate in your letter that your Department has deputed one of your staff (Dr. Reid) to undertake a study in Andhra Pradesh, that we, at this Institute, are collaborating in the above mentioned project; that some chemicals and reagents valued at \$ -----/- required for this work at the Cancer Research Institute, Bombay, have been despatched, /involved as this is a free gift.

to me and that no foreign exchange is

In response to our enquiry Dr. Reid has indicated that he would arrange to pay the custom duty while we are proceeding with the clearance of parcels. It is in this regard I need your letter on the lines mentioned above. Please treat this as URGENT and send me the letter in DUPLICATE.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. K. Sukumaran.
Scientific Officer.

Prof. Demitri B. Shimkin,
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c.c. to Dr. Russell M. Reid,
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East Godavari District,
Andhra Pradesh.

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By REGISTERED POST

ED/2083/68

March 11th, 1968

Dear Prof. Shimkin:

This has reference to your letter dated March 5th, 1968, in which you have enclosed the copies of the Purchase Order.

We have cleared all the perishable parcels in good time and they are in good condition. There are yet a few items to be received by way of "back order" from Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation. I am returning herewith the copies of your purchase order against ^{which} we have received full supply. The rest we shall forward to you immediately after the balance items, in your purchase order, are received. Following are the details of the consignments we have so far received:

<u>Airway Bill</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Received on</u>	<u>Duty paid</u>
5781087	NBC Biochemicals (1 CTN)	10.2.1968	Pending
098-284120	Ortho Blood Sera (2 CTN)	6.2.1968 6.2.1968	" "
014-1740867	Cannaught Starch (2 CTN)	20.2.1968	"
098-296011	Fisher Chemicals (1 CTN)	20.2.1968	"
015-JKF-C991 -474	Ortho Blood Sera (1 CTN)	29.2.1968	"
Post Parcel No. BP/24540/68-100 of 24.1.1968	Sigma Chemicals	5.2.1968	"
Post Parcel No. B/16527/68/5/540 of 3.2.1968	Helmann Instruments Co. Cellulose Paper	5.2.1968	Rs. 447=00

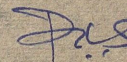
The customs formalities (payment of duty and licence to cover import) for all the above consignments, except for item No. 6, are yet to be completed. I may further state that duty is chargeable on CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) value. Taking into consideration the approximate CIF value on items so far received and those that are yet to be received (from Ortho Pharmaceuticals) custom duty approximately would work out to \$ 1,000/-.

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I may mention in this connection that when Dr. Randall L. Thompson, Science Representative, NIH, was here in Bombay, Dr. Sanghvi had explained to him of our difficulty and also the difficulty Dr. Reid is now facing, with regard to payment of custom duty. He has suggested that Dr. Reid should write to him giving all details and he (Dr. Thompson) would try to help him in whatever way he could. I understand that Dr. Reid has already written to Dr. Thompson in this matter. I would suggest that you also write to Dr. Thompson explaining the difficulties and see whether he can arrange payment of duty on your behalf.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Dr. Thompson's Address:

Dr. Randall L. Thompson, M.D., Sc.D.,
Science Representative,
National Institute of Health,
American Embassy,
NEW DELHI

ED/2176 /68

March 14th, 1968.

Dear Prof. Shimkin:

This is in continuation of my letter No. ED/2083/68 dated March 11th, 1968, in which was enclosed copies of your Purchase Orders against which we have received full supply. We still have those pertaining to Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation, New Jersey and Scientific Products, Chicago. These shall be sent to you after the receipt of full supply.

As mentioned already in my letter, we have cleared all the perishable materials in good time pending import and Customs formalities. In my letter cited above, there is a typographical error which I would like to correct. Item No. 6 (Sigma Chemicals) was cleared on February 5th, 1968, after paying Rs. 447/- as Customs duty and not Item No.7 as mentioned in letter. This item is yet to be cleared. I regret this error very much.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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ED/2855 /68

April 10th, 1968

Dear Prof. Shimkin:

This is in reply to your letter dated March 25th, 1968, with the enclosed copy of the letter dated March 24th, 1968, to Mr. A. C. Saldanha of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue and Insurance, New Delhi. Dr. Reid was expected in Bombay and hence the delay in writing to you earlier.

Dr. Reid was here during the middle of last week when we discussed the ways and means of getting the "Vacutainers" which is still in the custody of Customs at Madras. We also appraised him of the position as it stands now with regard to the parcels we have received so far and the final settlement with the customs in Bombay. Also in order to save time, we have decided to collect bloods by hypodermic syringes to start with and switch on to use of vacutainers and bleeding set when they are received.

The various items sent to us on your behalf were received here in nine consignments. The details of those parcels including the value declared for customs (as seen from invoices accompanying the parcel), and the date of receipt of parcels are enclosed for your information. The amounts mentioned under "Declared Value for Customs" are those mentioned in the invoices that accompanied the parcels and are not inclusive of freight and insurance. This would be extra for calculation of CIF values. It may be noted that items that came by post parcel have been cleared by paying duty and the amount paid are marked against each. Mr. A.C. Saldanha on your request did intervene, with the result that we got one parcel (Item No.V) exempted from duty. The other items (Items No. I to IV) are cleared pending the payment of duty. There is yet one more item of Blood grouping sera (Anti-C) to be received from Ortho as per their "Back Order".

I suggest that in view of the sympathetic consideration of our case from Mr. Saldanha, you should write to request him to treat all the commodities mentioned in the list as part of the reagents and chemical required for this collaborative project between University of Illinois and Cancer Research Institute, and

issue necessary orders to collector of Customs, Bombay, to exempt them from payment of customs duty, necessary import licence and refund of duty already paid on four items (Items No. VI to IX). I think this would be an easy procedure as you have already had correspondence with him in this connection and copy of your letter may please be sent to us for information.

I do hope that the matter will receive sympathetic consideration by the authorities concerned and necessary exemption granted in this case. I am returning herewith the copy of your purchase order No. 94849-N (SEPRPHORE III) as desired by you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Airway Bill	Commodity	Declared value for customs	Received on	Duty Paid / Pending
I) 061-5781057	NBC Chemicals (1 CTN)	\$ 106.00	10.2.1968	Pending
II) 098-284120	ORTHO blood sera (2 CTN)	\$ 835.32 \$ 1.20	6.2.1968 6.2.1968	Pending Pending
III) 014-1740867	Connaught Starch (2 CTN)	\$ 65.00	20.2.1968	Pending
IV) 098-296011	Fisher Chemicals (1 CTN)	\$ 20.00	20.2.1968	Pending
V) 015-JKF-C991-474	ORTHO blood sera (1 CTN)	\$ 240.00	29.2.1968	<u>Exempted</u>
VI) Post Parcel No. BP.24540/68-100 of 24.1.1968	Sigma Chemicals	\$ 119.10	5.2.1968	Paid Rs. 447.00
VII) Post Parcel No. B 16527/68-5/540 of 3.2.1968	Gelman Inst. Co. (Sepraphore paper)	\$ 92.00	20.3.1968	Paid Rs. 367.50
VIII) Post Parcel No. B.190189 of 20.3.1968	ORTHO Blood Sera	\$ 165.00	21.3.1968	Paid Rs. 619.79
IX) Post parcel No. B.196731 of 23.3.1968	ORTHO Blood Sera	\$ 49.05	23.3.1968	Paid Rs. 185.00