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THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE
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66TH STREET AND AVENUE A,
NEW YORK

March 19, 1909.

My dear Professor Koch:-

I hope you will forgive my delay in replying to your kind letter of February 10th. The delay has been occasioned largely by the fact that I have been out of the city.

I have been much interested in the plan of work which you have outlined for the tuberculosis investigation and I shall endeavor to cooperate with you. The present difficulty with me is that I am not sure that I can control the patients in such a way that I can meet all the conditions of the experiments. The Institute has not at present its own hospital and will not have it until about January 1st, and there are certain difficulties connected with the control of patients in other hospitals that have to be considered. On the whole, it seems to me that it might be best for us to defer our part of the work until our own hospital is completed. The present outlook leads us to hope that the hospital will be open and receiving patients before or by January 1st, 1910. I shall be greatly indebted to you if you will inform me whether it will be useful to have us enter upon this research as late as this date. I wish to express my great appreciation of your kind offer for us to participate in this important study which you are about to make.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Koch, and believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Simon Flexner

