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Mr. Don E. Crabtree
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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

Dr. Hines has asked me to reply to your letter of June 6.

As you may remember from John Cornell's letter to Dr. Swanson of March 22, 1973, there was a question about continuing support for your project, and the considerations raised in that letter and in mine of August 29, 1974, arose again in evaluating this last proposal. In addition, the proposal did little to reassure referees that further funding would result in any significant advances over what had been accomplished in the past; this is not to say that any of them questioned the quality of your work or your considerable influence in the field. The proposal itself had no summary of research accomplishments; no plans for future research (except the trip to Russia), no mention of methodology, reliability, etc. --in sum, no scientific context which would put the work in a better position vis-a-vis an increasingly difficult competition for limited research funds.

I hope that these comments are helpful in understanding the Foundation's decision.

Sincerely,



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Program Director for
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