MEMORANDUM TO DR. FRED

I have discussed this item with Dean Bowers and told him that we were unwilling to make a commitment at this time to take over Dr. Atwood at the end of five years unless he could point to some pending retirement in the Medical School which might provide the funds to pay Dr. Atwood. In the first conference Dr. Bowers thought this would be possible. In the second conference he reported that he had been unable to discover any pending retirement which he thought could be used for this purpose.

I told Dr. Bowers that we would much prefer to have him start with a younger individual and with no implication of permanent tenure. If such a younger individual proved to be a "blue ribbon horse" the matter of University tenure could be decided at that time.

Dr. Bowers told me that the reason for suggesting Dr. Atwood was because of Dr. Lederberg's interest in Dr. Atwood plus the favorable impression he made when visiting here. Dr. Bowers also told me that he had no assurance that Dr. Atwood would accept a position here should one be offered to him.

In view of the above, I told Dr. Bowers that this application would be held until I could talk with you.

> I. L. Baldwin Vice President of Academic Affairs

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8-30-57-EBF discussed with Dean Bowers. He said he would not approve when Fran Bowers could find funde in medical selects budget to take said of this.