

October 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. S. C. Sommers

FROM: D. H. Ford

SUBJECT: Site visit with Dr. Ferid Murad and staff at the Palo Alto Veteran's Administration Hospital associated with Stanford University, October 20, 1981
Grant No. 1186A
"Mechanism of Nitric Oxide Activation of Guanylate Cyclase"

MOVE FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE TO STANFORD:

The transition from Virginia to California appears to have been achieved with a minimal disruption of Dr. Murad's investigations. Half of his staff moved with him to the VA Hospital to establish the new laboratories while the other half maintained the ongoing work at the University of Virginia and then moved out to California early in the Fall, bringing most of their equipment. The present quarters for Dr. Murad's laboratory are much larger than were available to him before. In addition, he has eighteen fully funded lines at the VA Hospital plus six funded on grants. He appears quite excited about the research potential at his new location and is particularly gratified with the lines of communication they have already been able to establish with individuals at Stanford. Further, the general attitude of the staff toward research appears much better. Support for equipment by the VA is also much better than at Virginia. Thus, at this time, Dr. Murad feels that his change in location has enhanced the program which he directs and that the administrative demands he now has are no greater than they were before.

PERSONNEL:

Most of Dr. Murad's key people came with him to California. He has also obtained a number of new Post Doctoral Fellows, most of whom have managed to obtain their own financial support from private or governmental sources.

CURRENT GROUP:

John Lewicki, Ph.D.	Started 1979, plans to stay two more years.
Marty Draznin, M.D.	Started 1979, also plans to stay on a few years.
Robert Rapaport, Ph.D.	Started 1980, has a year to go.
Scott Waldman, Ph.D.	Started 1979, also plans to stay on a few more years.

NEW:

William Pierce, Ph.D.	Started 1981
Martin Sinacore, Ph.D.	Started 1981
Germain Guryson, Ph.D.	Started 1981, trained in neuropharmacology with Costa.
Mary Oldwurtel, Ph.D.	Coming in February, 1982
Margie Oriano, Ph.D.	Collaborating from Vermont. Works in electron microscopy. She will be coming to Palo Alto to work for six months on EM immunocytochemical localization of guanylate cyclase.
Larry Simons, Ph.D.	Member of Stanford faculty who has shown an interest in the Murad program and may be joining him to pursue a series of studies on the role of free radicals in pulmonary disease.

Three technicians from the Virginia operation also made the trip to California.