which have provided the impetus for the new research programs now proposed in the cancer virus field. The $5 million purported to be administered by me impressed Bazell, but as former chief of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for 13 years, I was responsible for influencing expenditures many times greater than this amount, expenditures that were regarded by many as well worth the effort; at least no one has questioned the value received.

Many new discoveries concerning the natural behavior of RNA and DNA tumor viruses in natural species and ecologies as well as in laboratory systems are entirely responsible for the new excitement that has been generated among virologists, cancerologists, immunologists, and molecular biologists in all parts of the world. Thus the recent breakthroughs on the cancer virus front are mainly responsible for the new research proposals and the additional appropriations for cancer research. . . .

It will come as no surprise to the numerous virus and cancer investigators serving as expert reviewers for the National Cancer Institute research contracts (research contracts, like grants, must go through a series of peer reviews) to learn that I am not the director of NCI's virus program but one of several branch chiefs in NCI's Special Virus Cancer Program, which is currently administered by Frank Rauscher and John Moloney. This error compounds some of Bazell's other conclusions concerning NCI's Special Virus Cancer Program (it is no longer the Special Virus Leukemia Program).

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Walter Reed Papers

I am editing the works, papers, and letters of Walter Reed (1851–1902), known for his contributions to the suppression of yellow fever. I would appreciate learning of original documentary material, letters, papers, and other primary source material related to Dr. Reed.

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