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The items of clothing listed on page 3 of the memorandum to investigators are those which are needed for cold weather field work. In other words, the laboratory attempts to supply all clothing which normally would not be useful to field operators in the States. We do this in order to relieve them of the burden of paying for arctic clothing just for use during their short stay here.

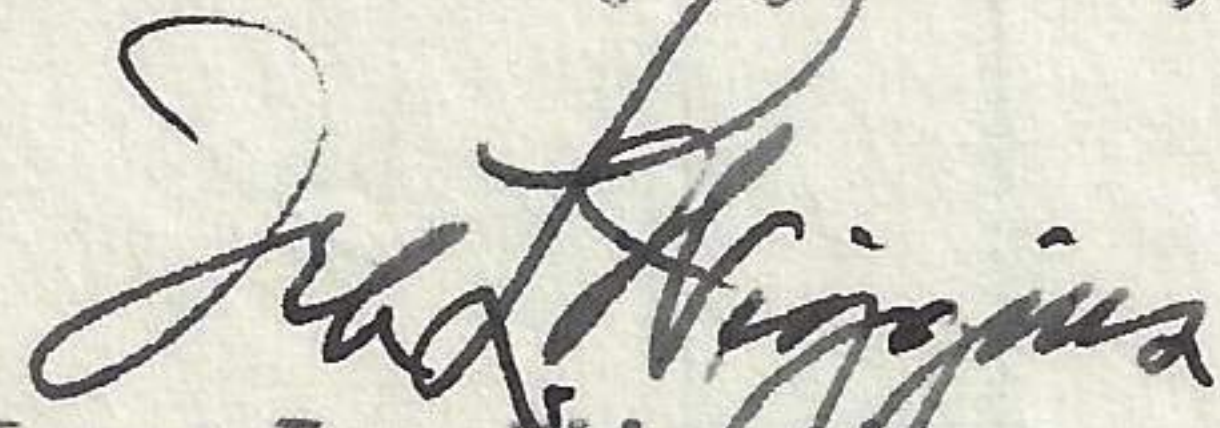
We do not attempt to furnish light underwear, light cotton or silk socks, which many people prefer to wear next to their feet beneath woolen socks, or cotton shirts. You will have to use your own judgment as to what items of field clothing you believe will be necessary to bring with you in order to be comfortably clothed if the heavy gear listed does not suit your preferences.

We do not attempt to furnish head gear in general, but will furnish insect-proof head nets. For the people who spend most of their time in the field, we will supply rubber hip boots. It will be the prerogative then of the individual to wear such boots or not, as he finds conditions necessitating them in the field. Gloves are not included in the gear we furnish. Cotton gloves can be obtained at the local store at about \$.35 or \$.50 per pair. If heavier hand covering is desired, woolen mittens with the index finger separate and leather mittens to go over the entire woolen mittens, can be obtained at the store also. These are about \$2.00 a pair.

It will be appreciated if you will forward clothing sizes for your party, as requested in the memorandum to investigators, at your earliest opportunity.

Let me assure you that everything will be done that is reasonably possible to help you cover as much territory during the summer season as is compatible with the best interests of the Arctic Research Laboratory and of the entire group of investigators stationed here for the summer. Completely detailed plans will be worked out after your arrival.

Sincerely yours,


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