

Transcription of Brandes Letter of Recommendation

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Dr. Lorne Brandes worked with me in the Department of Chemotherapy, Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Marsden Hospital, from July 1st., 1970 to June 30th., 1971. During this period he carried out both clinical and laboratory work. In the clinic he took part in the investigation and treatment of new patients and in their subsequent management. Although the great majority of patients were suffering from malignant disease of various kinds, and the largest group as that of malignant haemopoietic neoplasms, a good many of the patients referred were 'problem' cases for diagnosis, and Dr. Brandes took a full share in helping to solve these problems. He also took his share in routine management and was responsible for the general medical care of his patients. He was encouraged, and took full advantage of the opportunity, to study at first hand the histopathological and haematological material from the patients for whom he was responsible as well as from others of general interest to the department. He also attended regular sessions with the diagnostic radiologists to discuss selected 'problem' cases. In all these activities he proved to be a most perceptive clinician, with a mature grasp of the problems in hand, and the ability to make sound judgements. He acquired, during the year, a large experience of Hodgkin's disease at all stages, the 'non-Hodgkin lymphomas', systemic proliferative diseases of the haemopoietic system, myelomatosis and other immunocytomas, the chronic and acute leukemias, and of metastatic carcinoma from various primary sites.

Dr. Brandes collaborated with Dr. A. M. Forrester, of the Chester Beatty Research Institute, in a study of the electrophoretic mobility of lymphocytes in the hope that the results might permit the recognition of distinct populations of lymphocytes in the blood of patients suffering from chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. Unfortunately the method did not reveal a consistent pattern in that disease, but the work gave Dr. Brandes a valuable introduction to laboratory techniques and methodology. Later he undertook a detailed enquiry into the possible role of Lawrence's transfer factor in inducing host resistance against tumours, and this led him to undertake a clinical trial in two patients suffering from advanced melanomatosis. This involved exchanging grafts of the tumours between the patients so that each might be given the opportunity to produce transfer factor against the tumours. Dr. Brandes carried out the very exacting work in this procedure with exemplary and meticulous care and with the full co-operation and confidence of the patients, and of the collaborating scientists and doctors who were involved in the

very extensive basic studies of immunological function that were necessary. The work was published in the Lancet (Brandes, Wiltshaw and Galton, 1971).

Dr. Brandes showed himself to be a responsible and capable clinical investigator.

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