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AIR MAIL

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Dear Pete:

I had a long session yesterday with Dr. N.W. Karr and Dr. L. T. Mann of the Riker Laboratories here, in the course of which I told them of my personal opposition and that of others to the prophylactic use of EDTA, read them some of the recent correspondence (but without revealing the names of the writers) and said that this opposition would probably be expressed before long in the JAMA and elsewhere.

Dr. Karr asked me who would be the authors of any such statements and I told him that I did not feel at liberty to reveal this information. He then asked to whom he might write to seek modification of such adverse publicity and I suggested that he write to you as Secretary of the Council on Industrial Health, of which I was interested to learn that he had never heard.

I therefore believe that you will shortly hear from Riker and this is written to let you know that, while I gave them your name, I suggested no such modification as they are likely to ask, nor do I think there should be any. They admitted that, once the tablets are placed on the market, they will have no control over their misuse, and my experience in such matters has been long and sad enough to tell me that only the most strongly worded admonitions are likely to have any effect in some quarters.

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I frankly think that the Riker people have been pretty stupid in their handling of this prophylactic venture, which they admit has already met with some medical opposition, and any sympathy I may have had for them is currently at a rather low ebb.

Sincerely yours,



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