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Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for your exhaustive and most helpful letter of October 11th. I am very sorry about the Cincinnati "tempest" and particularly that Dr. Kotte has found himself more or less at its epicenter, for I have never known a more cooperative medical man than he and I have the highest regard for him.

As I view it at this rather long range, the situation, which I hope will soon blow over if it has not already, must be charged to an unfortunate concatenation, first the reaction in those two cases, whether attributable to EDTA or not, secondly Dr. Weech's being out of town and the strange modus whereunder no one may apparently speak above a whisper in his absence, thirdly the fog in which we found ourselves as a result of Dr. Kotte's well-intended note to me, fourthly Dr. Shipman's equally well-purposed attempt to apply a little radar, fifthly the quite understandable misconstruction placed on this by Dr. Kotte, and finally the ancillary fact that, having in years past written repeatedly to Dr. Weech without ever the courtesy of a reply, I have found it a bit difficult to accord him the esteem that I have for so many others of his and your profession.

I gather that you have seen the original Shipman-Kotte exchange. Immediately on receiving copies, both George Wheatley and I wrote letters to Dr. Kotte which we hoped would help to mend the breach. Tom telephoned me the next day to discuss the situation and thereafter wrote to Dr. Kotte the second letter of which, on the chance that you have not seen it, I enclose a copy herewith.

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It might be well for you to know that, in addition to Tony Lanza's letter to you, Elston Belknap sent an inquiry to Dr. Weech and Harriet Hardy wrote to Dr. David Freiman. Whether these letters have brought replies I have yet to hear.

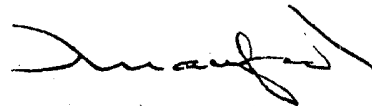
I hardly need say that I more than share your preference for prevention over therapy, but my rather special position brings me such constant evidence of the length and rockiness of the averted road still to be travelled that the great amount of time and effort I have given to this inquiry into the efficacy of Ca EDTA has seemed to me more than well spent. I am gratified that you are inclined to feel as I do that the more severe childhood cases are the ones in which clinical trial of this treatment is most justified, and it is the best of news that the drug may have been effective in those Panama cases.

With reference to your handwritten postscript, the letter from Dr. Maison of which a copy is my second enclosure will serve to clarify for you the situation in Los Angeles, as it has for me. It is my understanding that Tom Shipman has headed for the Pacific, leaving Dr. Foreman at Los Alamos, and I assume that the latter will receive the copy of your letter addressed to Tom.

Also enclosed is a copy of the protocol originally sent to you on August 6th, incorporating the corrections covered by the errata sheet mailed on September 17th.

You are quite at liberty to show this letter to Dr. Kotte if you think it would help to clear the air. I hope you will use your influence toward the highly important end of stimulating early and complete reporting of those two Cincinnati General Hospital cases.

Sincerely,



MB:JG

cc: Dr. Belknap
Dr. Foreman
Dr. Hardy
Dr. Lanza
Dr. Wheatley

See 23535 [redacted]