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Dear Don:

I'm afraid I do not understand the pattern of things in England whereby those to whom you refer as "our friends" are greatly disturbed, it seems, by the article by Sir Alan Moncrieff and his associates. I was dissatisfied by some of the statements in the article, and I expressed myself to the authors. I wrote to both Sir Alan and Barbara E. Clayton and had courteous replies. These, of course, were not very satisfactory from the aspect of any kind of remedy for the situation, but they opened the door for any further communication to them which might be useful. (I did not direct any critical remarks to the editor to be published.)

Now, the question is what to do, that would not upset the amenities, and that would do some good. My professional relationships in England are very good, as far as they go, but I could not get very far under my own power with the strictly clinical group. I would not like to barge into this without knowing just what to expect. Any statement which I might make, on present information, might prove to be useless or even disadvantageous. What I say seems better directed to the authors or to the Archives. I wonder, therefore, how to go about this. I can make inquiry myself, through friends, but I suspect that I should have some direct contact with those who are disturbed. Are they physicians or industrial managers, and regardless of their slant on the matter, what are the sources of difficulty or dissatisfaction? There are ways, I am sure, of getting at this, and of dealing with it through appropriate channels and by graceful means.

Please let me have such information as may be pertinent, and give me the benefit of your own view of the importance of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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