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Dear Stan:

I have your recent letter (November 5) before me and I am pleased that you keep me informed, largely through copies of your correspondence with others (Drs. Ter Haar and Sobel and Mr. Gautreaux). It seems despite your troubles, that things are now going along reasonably well, and, of course, I am greatly pleased by this fact.

There is, however a situation which disturbs me considerably, and after undertaking to quiet my dissatisfaction somewhat unsuccessfully, I have decided to bring it specifically to your attention.

You have, on several occasions spoken very vigorously of your necessity for wasting a large amount of time in correcting errors in the "computerized files of data." I am highly disturbed by these statements. In the first place, there should have been no errors in your copies of the data. To be specific the data of the sampling and analysis of materials from the subjects were remarkably precise and clearly recorded. Very little excuse can exist for many errors made in reproducing these data. It appears, however, that there were many errors. If such was and is the case, how can such errors be corrected without going back to the original data? I can perceive of no other way of finding and correcting errors. I realize, of course, that I may be mistaken, but since I don't know or understand the facts, I'd like you to explain these matters.

Cordially,

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