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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Jule Gordon
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am enclosing a copy of the next-to-last draft of the report, in order to obtain your views of one or two matters before completing the final draft and putting it in form for distribution. I also want your advice on the number of copies of the report to supply to you, for distribution to your associates. If you prefer, I can send them out from here, if you will furnish the names and addresses.

There are several things in the report on which your advice will be helpful, and since it has always been my policy to obtain the comments and criticisms of the sponsors lest I should, unwittingly, include statements that add nothing of great importance to the information, while being disadvantageous, in one way or another, to the sponsors. I am aware, also, that the attitude of a governmental agency may be such that a chance phrase may produce an undesirable reaction.

On page 3, last sentence in the paragraph under the Sub-heading, "Formulation," is a reference to an (to me) undesirable ingredient of one of the formulations supplied to me. I wonder whether it is desirable to omit this sentence and to leave this matter to be handled with the people concerned.

Another matter on which your advice (with also that of any other person whom you would like to consult, such as a legal advisor) would be useful to me relates to the usefulness of the inclusion of Table 4 and the discussion concerning it. The point is that there is very little to be learned from this Table and from the discussion of the role of temperature per se. One of my associates has a feeling (not very strong, but a bit disturbing to him) that this Table and the discussion concerning it smacks a bit of an excess of concern about a very dubious (and hence trifling) variable. The impression might be created, thereby, in an excessively critical (shall I say bureaucratic) mind, that one was employing every possible strategem for the depreciation of the positive aspects of the findings, thereby magnifying their importance. Frankly, I have no such feeling, since this is my way of going about the examination of every variable that I can suspect, and, in addition, I always expect people to believe that I am unbiased. But, one's belief, whatever its good faith, can be sadly incorrect at times. Your problem in this (as mine also) is not that of speaking to scientific colleagues, but rather that of presenting the issues to a regulatory agency.

There may be other matters on which you would like to comment. If this should be the case, please feel free to do so. As you will be aware, we must exercise our own judgment in these matters, but we will give serious consideration to your views.

While you are dealing with this letter and manuscript, we will proceed to put the finishing touches on the final report, to the extent that this can be done in

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advance of your comments. That is, there are a few errors to be corrected, a few agreed upon changes to be made, a few references to add and a title page to be put in appropriate form. Thus, there will be only a little delay in getting the report distributed.

You and we will then have to decide how to deal further with the F.D.A. group. I shall not send out a report to them until you have instructed me as to your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.
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P.S. Please return the copy to me, writing into it any suggestions for change that seem useful.

R.A.K.

P.P.S. Our joint efforts to get this report beyond my initial draft and into satisfactory form have taken a bit longer, what with numerous interruptions, than I anticipated. It has been, I think, time well spent.

R.A.K.

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