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Dear Don:

I just received your letter of January 11 which I have gone over very carefully. I am in thorough agreement with what you say and do not think there is any question at all but that all of us, at least those of us in the Koinclide Club, are in thorough accord in this matter.

I did not talk with many of the delegates present at the Pittsburgh meeting and I did not get any impression one way or the other as to their main interest being in fighting claims. I presume that it would be so for some of them and possibly for the majority of them but I do not think from what I know of the Mellon Institute that you would get the Mellon Institute to set up an organization chiefly interested in claims fighting.

Dr. Heller outlined his position to Dr. McDermott and myself and also to Pendergrass and Bayers very frankly. I am sure that he would agree to every statement that you made in your letter to us both from what he said and from my knowledge of him. Now it is possible that Dr. Feldman may take a different view but I doubt it.

I was not inclined to pay too much attention to some of the preliminary statements that were made by one or two of the speakers as they were special pleadings and were recognized as such by the audience. It may be that the effects of their statements were out of proportion as far as the audience was concerned. If so, I think that is too bad.

Possibly Dr. Feldman and Dr. Friedman did not make sufficiently clear what they had in mind in setting up a central coordinating agency. I find it difficult to believe that they would be so short-sighted as to have any kind of set-up that was not organized on the broadest and most useful scientific lines. However, time will soon answer the question.

I would appreciate it very much if, after the Chicago conference, you would write and tell me what your impressions were and whether anything is coming out of that.

With best regards and many thanks for your letter, I am

Sincerely,