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Dr. Markin

Dear

I like to share with you my experiences with Mr. Nathan Horwitz, Special News Editor of the Medical Tribune, who - as I understand - has written to you and asked you to afford him "the privilege of communicating with you ... relevant to treatment and use of the UGDP data". Early in March the same Mr. Horwitz asked me to review and to discuss with him a rather large volume of "newly released UGDP raw data", which had just come into his possession, and which were said to "offer case-by-case evidence of improper assignment, inappropriate treatment, inaccurate entry data, inaccurate reporting of death and other serious flaws! I received his call at the same day at which the material had arrived and I expressed to him my great concern as a former Principal Investigator of the UGDP about the allegations of numerous grave improprieties, that I would have to study the documents carefully before discussing them with him and that I would need a few days to do so. H. offered to call back one week later, and we arranged for this return call a specfic date and hour. When that day arrived I had my notes ready, but no call came from Mr. H., nor did I receive afterwards any explanation why he had not kept the prearranged date.

During the following week I Brought my notes in proper shape for publication and forwarded the manuscript to him as my answer to his request for a review of the submitted documents and with the expectation that this answer would be published in the Medical Tribune together with any article of his own about this material. I did not receive an acknowledgment of the receipt of my manuscript nor any other communication from Mr. H. or the Tribune!