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Dear Fred:

I am still most grateful to you for your kind call to the hotel in Geneva. I did my "duty" to WHO and couldn't get away at all. Here the 10% annual inflation, 4 to 12% NIH cutback, 20% cutback from the School of Public Health, and reduced likelihood of future competitive funding all put our large organization under stress. My reaction to it is to try to make us lean, more efficient and productive. Part of that involves giving up "outside" activities. I am cancelling all things not directly related to keeping food in the mouths of our 400 Lab employees and preparing us for the future. It is no time for administrators to be running around the world. Thus, I will miss seeing you in Erice. I think it's very likely that I will be in Bethesda in April and hope to see you there. I hope you'll get caught up with activities in Friedewald's section, also.

You should have received recently a tentative program for the Henry Longstreet Taylor Colloquium. I doubt that I'll be successful in getting travel funds but I wanted you to be sure to know that you were invited and will do what you can, if you're on this side of the Atlantic, to get you here. Of course, we'll concentrate on bringing his closest personal and professional friends here for the special celebration.

We are now luxuriating in 4 feet of fluffy powder snow and are enjoying a lovely Minnesota winter.

Cordially,

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Professor and Director

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