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Dear Henry:

I had not realized that your comments in Chicago were intended to be confidential and personal. I don't think that you need to feel dis-comforted by it having been mentioned at the Task Force meeting, because all that happened was that I offered Michelle Olsen an opportunity to present such a proposal if it were formulated already, or to present any preliminary thoughts that she considered appropriate at that time.

In the context in which it came up, namely an information exchange on experiences to date with intervention modes, and in the way in which Michelle responded, namely that a proposal was being formulated involving MRFIT ineligibles. I sensed no anxiety on part of the Task Force.

Far from being renegades, may I suggest that the "image" is very close to the one which you have offered, "cautious, conservative and constructive".

Cordially,

W. McFate Smith, M.D.

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