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Dr. Benjamin Spock
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Dear Dr. Spock:

I've not taken the opportunity ever to thank you for your representation of us physicians in this time of protest, revelation and revolution. It has been a great adventure for you, I'm sure. I think I first fully realized the importance of what you are doing at a suburban cocktail party several years ago. There a well-known local practicing surgeon remarked, when I mentioned something you had done; "I hope they put that SOB in jail for at least 6 months, don't you?"

I happened to hear your well-chosen and brief comments in Central Park last Saturday, having just returned from a year's Sabbatical in another socially underdeveloped country, Switzerland. Obviously your admonition to continue the pressure and criticism of the Administration is essential. But I would like to know of a common cause of people who plan constructively and suggest positively and who have some levers. I would also like to know of a common cause of medical people concerned with medicine's problems, in addition to those of health care delivery. Could you let me know what such groups exist which you feel are important ones?

Cordially,

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Professor

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