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Dear Henry:

Thanks for your prompt reply. However, I was sorry to learn that both you and Nelly have been ailing. My commiserations to both of you.

I suggest that we proceed as follows. I have an appointment to see the Dean on Monday, April 24, and I am noting on my calendar right now that I will give you a ring immediately following that meeting. I should be able to estimate the probabilities of a "short term visiting professorship" much better after seeing him. In addition, I suggest that we defer any plans for a short trip to La Jolla until the two of you are feeling better.

Jim Bush and I held Nemat Borhani's hand in Bethesda the other day as he fielded questions thrown at him by the Review Committee that Zuke has set up regarding RFP 72-16. However, our participation with his project will only be in relation to applying Jim Bush's Health Status Index and nothing more. Of course, our cooperation with Dan Steinberg and the Lipid Research Clinic here at UCSD will be much closer and may also include applying some of Jim's ideas.

I wish I could think of some other way to cheer you up. You sound (however justifiably) discouraged.

With warm regards.

Joseph Stokes III, M.D. Professor and Chairman

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