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## Dear Joe:

Many thanks for the Retep Principle. We had best tentatively set a time now rather than at Tampa, if possible. It would best be just before or after the weekend of 11 March. I also am not in a position to compose something fresh for a seminar, and always prefer to talk from relatively familiar data. I have material of some interest to clinicians on prognostic factors following myocardial infarction, from the Coronary Drug Project, from analyses of "natural history" in the placebo treated group.

Enclosed is my latest, not entirely successful, effort at popular style writing.

Unfortunately Nelly is teaching up until 17 March, and afterwards is late for decisions. If this time in March is not suitable, we can simply hold off a while. If I decide against Bethesda, there will still be the opportunity to choose between Siberia and Babylon.

Regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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Dear Henry:

Just a note to confirm the fact that I will try my level best to get to Tampa and that we can plan your visit to California at that time. One and a half days here in San Diego should be sufficient and I will start thinking about the context in which you might deliver a one hour seminar which would be of interest to Steinberg, Turner and their Lipid Research associates.

As I told you over the phone, my first choice for a Mexico retreat this time of year would be San Blas. I have never been there and know it only by reputation, but what I hear is very good. However, there are other alternatives including La Paz which is at the tip of Baja California. Rita and I have been there, and I have first hand information which may be helpful.

Until Tampa,

With warm regards,

Joseph Stokes III, M.D. Professor and Chairman

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P.S. The enclosure is the <u>last</u> document that I will foist on you. Your reference to the Peter Principle reminded me that you might get a chuckle or two from reading this apocryphal fable.

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