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Dear Henry:

Rarely have we owed so much--to so few--for so little. Your grant seeking efforts have really been heroic. I learned from Remington that Stoney thought it would be a crime not to support such a conglomeration of talent in Minnesota. I am sure you are beginning to feel it is a crime and a conspiracy.

I never contacted Gerry Payne on the Hypertension Programs. Would you pick up the phone and say we could probably handle a unit at Minnesota, and explore the possibilities with him (and keep Remington informed). You've paid your debt to the CV Center, now we've got to get money to keep the lab intact, independently.

I'm still fairly productive here, despite once a week trips to propagandize the French World (last week in Louvain--but on the Flemish--not the Brasseur-side). I'm writing and hope this month to turn to several questions for Ohno and I hope Ancel to explore. Our program here trickles along, and I'm Senior exams. in Preventive Medicine.

But the world is busting wide open around. Nelly's Dad had a cardiac arrest Saturday, June 5, when they sat him up (his third mobilization after his third surgery--all previously well-tolerated). Nelly, her mother, and the grandchildren are taking it awfully hard. And I goofed by not getting John over here in time to talk to his grandfather (the real irony is that John, rooming with two Augsburg students, got busted last Friday and the kids had a little something on them. It will go down in the books a gross misdemeanor--I'll probably, with luck have him here on probation). All told--the anxiety quotient is zooming. And besides, I am getting some job offers which, in themselves, tend to destabilize one, even when there is no real intention of being destabilized. I have also authorized Jerry to start exploring with you how we can all best continue to work together. I should much prefer that it be in Minneapolis than in Chicago, but I think we have to look hard at all possibilities and challenges, also weighing in my and our particular strengths and weaknesses.

Let me know what you think.

Regards,

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c.c. Dr. Keys