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Dear Fred:

I'm embarrassed again on this question of the Epidemiological Society, and hope you can discourage further efforts in this, rather suggesting a healthy waiting period before reapplication. These factors enter into my feelings:

1. Ancel is now reinstating the application. I was not aware that he was the principal earlier, and though grateful, would rather it not be at the instigation of my own boss.
2. There are any number of professional epidemiologists, involved in our own field, who should logically come in before myself. This is simply a fact.
3. I don't like flunking, especially repeatedly. I've never flunked an exam. in my life and would prefer to be ready for it.

Is there any way you could suggest holding off on this for tactical (and my personal) reasons.

Thanks for the greetings from Noel Hickey. He enjoyed his visit with you. We've put him to bed to cure his otitis.

Regards,

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