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Dear Richard:

Thanks for your note and glad you enjoyed the tape. You were sorely missed at Dallas. I was most impressed as an old cynic in the organization by the P.R., by the presidential addresses, in the carrying through of the reorganization and in the numbers of younger and older colleagues who are still willing to give such great energies to the organization! I know that everything isn't going in the direction that you or I might desire, but it is not all bad.

I am sure that you are smart in staying close to home now. I am casting my lot to the wind, having lost my son, my wife, my Dean, and my Vice President in succession! I am looking for resources of stability and certainty in the face of these grave uncertainties.

I am very much enjoying my new household though, of course, there are painful aspects of the recent separation. Nelly has sued for divorce which makes the separation I desired a rather permanent idea.

I leave Thanksgiving Day for the U.S.-Japan Health Treaty with Stoney, Darwin, and Dwayne, on from there to Taipan with Mac Smith and others, and then have two months with Stewart Truswell in Sydney, Australia to enjoy the winter down under.

I am reasonably confident for the future at Minnesota though the loss of Lee and Lyle French creates uncertainty. Len Schuman and Jack Mandel are not making it all that easy but I think I will be able to handle that situation and to demonstrate that we can create a first-rate Division of Epidemiology.

However, if you have any brilliant ideas about a mid-life career change that doesn't involve administrative duties, I would like to hear of them. I think I will be ready for one after another period with Epi!

Cordially,

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