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Dear Henry,

I most certainly enjoyed the discussions we had and the delightfully provocative comment in your letter on how to approach the public health problem of atherosclerosis. Perhaps this might be the beginning of some dialogues together when next we meet at a medical meeting where I could have you develop your ideas more fully for me. I assure you that I have an open mind and could be persuaded by facts.

Your comments concerning who owns or utilizes data bases which you heard arose upon my leaving Harvard and the Brigham is news to me. Perhaps things took place following my departure that I do not know about, but I have continued to write papers based on the material emanating from our investigations, the latest of which appeared in Circulation in the last year. I must say that the most painful administrative aspect of my departure from Harvard was the absolute impotence which I and NHLBI had in arranging transfer of my funds from a program project grant to Mt. Sinai Medical Center. There was virtually no one left to conduct the clinical studies which were listed in that program and indeed many of them were pursued at Mt. Sinai by myself and 3 or 4 other investigators who left Harvard at the same time. We did this with approximately 20% of the original dollars in the program of which I was the Director. This was extremely difficult to take. I did take with me equipment and data files when the equipment had been bought with non-federal funds or agreed to by Gene Braunwald and the files of course concerned the research which was ongoing but were not original patient documents.

I provided you this information as it is the only thing of which I know about at the present time. I shall be interested to learn from you if there was some sequel to the story that is unknown to me.

Warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Gorlin', written over the typed name.

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