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Dear Vic:

Thanks for your nice note. I am delighted with the attention you have given my rantings on salt and hypertension. Of course it lacks the basic ingredient of plausible mechanisms. But synthesis always involves the risk of error and superficiality. I feel very pleased to have begun a correspondence with J.V. Neel in your institution and hope to learn more in my amateur pursuit of anthropology from him.

Best wishes in your multiple undertakings, and for a continuation of the fine activities of the Study Section. I am in great admiration of Ann Schluderberg's administration, as I am sure you must be.

I hope to see you in Dallas for American Heart or elsewhere or otherwise.

Cordially,

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