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Ms. Sara Palmer, Editor Gentleman's Quarterly Conde Nest Publications, Inc. 350 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ms. Palmer:

Many thanks for calling me to confirm the point in which I was quoted by Ms. Gina Kolata. I don't believe Ms. Kolata's quotation is appropriate. She overheard my statement at a coffee break conversation at a National Academy of Science Conference. She has not heard me present this idea in a public setting. I will be happy to be interviewed by Ms. Kolata at any time, but do not find reporting of personal remarks over coffee an acceptable procedure. Thanks.

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