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Dear Henry:

What a nice letter! When good friends and colleagues think enough of you to want you for their dean, you are indeed multiply blessed.

Everything you say about the Minnesota School of Public Health is well-supported, at least from my vantage point. It is an excellent place that has been strengthened by recent appointments. Of course, your group remains the centerpiece and the hallmark of Minnesota academic quality.

You know, Henry, professoring is terrific, and I am enjoying it too much to want to return to administration just now - if ever. How long this feeling will last is uncertain. In many ways, I think I can do more to help public health into its next phase from this vantage point.

I must admit, though, that your letter prompted some reexamination. The Twin Cities, the University of Minnesota, the School of Public Health, and you and your group are powerful draws. For now, though, I must ask not to be considered for the deanship. Thanks again.

I am back to the tuba. The Boll Weevils are playing a reunion concert for the St. Louis Jazz Club this weekend. The Alamo City group is playing the San Diego Festival in November and has a recording date. That group will play in Palm Springs for ten days in February. It's nice to be seriously involved with music again.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Remington, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor

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