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Dear Mac:

This is just a progress report. I still want to keep things completely open and I dearly need a week or ten days off. On the other hand, the situation is so terribly unstable that I am unlikely to find that week or ten days or even 3 or 4 days in the next period.

Within the last two weeks John has developed significant neurologic deficits and he is now in hospital having the added burden of reactions to the first round of chemotherapy, intravenous and intrathecal. If he does not go precipitately downhill, he will still be quite unstable and I would not feel comfortable about leaving him at home or in the hospital.

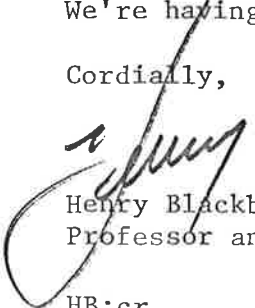
The only thing I guess I could feel comfortable about would be taking off time if he should leave us entirely in the next ten days. That also is highly unlikely.

If there's anything that I can send to document as far as the Club is concerned the fact that JB is dying I'll be glad to do so. Otherwise if the responsibility is an automatic one, simply let me know, including the due date for the penalty, and I will take care of it. I guess this goes for the Tahoe seminar as well. Clearly I don't want to miss 10 good days with him if he has them and I can't leave the responsibility if he is borderline. If he's very bad I'll be here to hold his hand. I'll just have to wipe out the next couple of months plans.

Again I'm most grateful to you for the offer which is much needed and wanted. I fully accepted the responsibility and you must simply let me know when it's due.

The best to you and Jackie for the rest of the summer. I'll keep you posted. We're having some good moments.

Cordially,


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P.S. He got up in the night & fell (in hospital) & the IV pressure is soaring. Whatever, it's rough!

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