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Dear Dave

I appreciated your letter. The Einstein Center appears quite definitely committed to someone from St. Louis who claims to know about transplantation. Such is fate - having left Minnesota because of not having been able to challenge the problem of transplantation to my satisfaction and again not being able to get the appointment in Philadelphia because of the same reason in reverse. The committee had various reprints on transplantation and I believe that they obtained my background in this area if they have read them. The Kentucky appointment was occupied by my good colleague and friend Ward Griffen who will do a mighty fine job - he is a fine potential administrator.

I have talked about you to David State a few weeks ago at a meeting in St. Barbara and I certainly painted a positive picture of yourself. Do let me know if any further communication to him should be desirable.

You overestimate me! I am perhaps better qualified for academics but at the same time not entirely dissatisfied by the large spectrum of my present activities. A septum primum VSD, internal mammary implant, shoulder dislocation, lecture on selective coronary angiography, Scarpa's De Aneurysmatibus with cocktails and Advances in Picoengineering to put me to sleep - today's activity. But how I would love to compete with these academic swine - who put ot rest Wangenstein - Varco - Lillehei - what a tragi-comedy. Is it a sign of decadency or does it appear so just because we are getting older?

There are several opportunities that I am considering. If they should realize - I of course would challenge you to help out if you should be interested.

Sincerely

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