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Dear Karel,

I hope that you did not relinquish plugging away at the Einstein Center in Philadelphia until there was documentary proof that a selection had been made. To my knowledge this has not been made final yet, and since Wangenstein's impression that you were eliminated from the running may have been based on your emphasizing cardiovascular surgery to the committee, it is not inconceivable that the latter would re-evaluate your credentials in a new light were you to indicate your interests in transplantation, etc. Also, since Ben Eisenman is returning to Denver in July to collaborate with Tom Starzl in hepatic transplantation work, the department in Kentucky would be up for offer. I think too much of you as an academician's academician to conceive of your being out of the official arena altogether.

Unfortunately David State had no post to fit me in on his faculty. He already has four full-time thoracic surgeons, and only 3 or 4 open-heart cases are done weekly. There are prospects on the other hand, that I could join the associate or visiting staff. I shall be much obliged if you could write him a few kind lines on my behalf since he and you are good friends.

When are you visiting again in this area?

Warmest regards,
David.

Dr David Salant —
address write page —

(Ignorance)

Dear Dave:

I appreciated your letter. The Einstein Center
appears quite definitely committed to someone
from St Louis, who ~~pretends~~ to know about
transplantation or ~~isot~~ such ~~etc~~ — having left
unimpaired because of not having been able to
challenge the problem of transplantation to my
satisfaction — not being able to get the system
in place because of lack the same in reverse.
Having sent them the several various reprints
on the subject I believe they obtained my
credit or in this area however showed
in publications. The Kentucky system is occupied
by my good colleague Ward Griffen who will
do a mighty fine job — he is a fine political
administrator. I have talked about you to
David State and unless you should feel otherwise
I believe ~~to~~ on the two occasions I gave ~~to~~
him a positive picture of yourself. ~~Do~~
let me know if any other ~~communication~~
to him should be desirable.

You overestimate me! ~~too small~~. I am of
course distracted in the my ~~life~~ but at
the same time ~~is~~ satisfied by the large
spectrum of my activities. A ~~my~~ ~~system~~
shoulder dislocation, lecture on ~~over~~ ~~under~~
my ~~opportunity~~ and ~~papers~~ be ~~over~~ ~~under~~
with cocktails and advances in ~~biological engineering~~
to put me to sleep — just for today.

~~And~~ ~~the~~ ~~but~~ how I would love to ~~impart~~
with these academic swine — who put to
rest Wanyu — Varco — Kidebe — This
Arabi — cowardly. Is it a sign of decadence or
does it appear just because we are getting older.
There are several opportunities that I am con-
sidering. If they should realize — I of course will
challenge you to help out. ~~turn~~