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Dear Dave

I did not even say hello to you when I left New York. The discussions with Adrian and at St. Luke's were most profitable and encouraging. In final analysis, I had to put my requests up to a certain level with Adrian and he is negotiating with NIH and Maimonides and Clarence, we shall see what comes out of it. Luke's is also interested but Dallas seems to be "putting out the best."

It is very much like a soiree' of Bach, Brahm's and Barber - in other words just 2 1/2 B's - in B minor with few chords in B-major. And I am not sure whether anyone of them truly likes music or just want a childrens choir-----. A bass - or perhaps baritone in that ensemble may look ridiculous.

I am surgically - too cocky - I must admit; just look at my past week - one TE fistula - one mitral valve - one 8 year old decortication - (neglected empyema) - with fittings of a CDE, that someone messed up - and the first part of the book on Billroth getting finished (study years, youth, Berlin, etc). I am too satisfied not to be cocky, but pretentious not to refuse the elegant type of "superlative surgery" "Life-Time kind" - God willing.

By the way - they are locally trying to get for my lab a \$30-50,000 budget - we shall see then! Hello to all!

Yours

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