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President
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Dear Bill:

I am making plans to hold a one-day meeting at the National Library of Medicine on "Regional Medical Programs: Legislation and Activities in the U.S. (1965-74)." We have tentatively scheduled the meeting for December 6, 1991 in the Lister Hill Auditorium, probably preceded on December 5, 1991 by an early evening wine and cheese reception.

Your participation in such an event will be critical. Can you attend on the date noted? Would you be willing to help us in the interim in connection with planning the program?

Your help might take the form of responding briefly to our questions by mail, or if convenient for you, by doing a recorded interview at NLM at a mutually convenient date. Our questions by mail would likely have to do with names of people, location and availability of records, and your advice concerning presentations, panels, and persons to be especially invited (realizing that such a meeting will also be open to the public).

From NLM's point of view, the meeting will be organized by Dr. John Parascandola, our Head of the History of Medicine Division. In addition, Prof. Arthur E. Rikli has agreed to assist us as a consultant to help organize and to contact possible participants.

Why hold such a meeting? I believe RMP was a proud and important effort to improve health care delivery. There is almost no historical record of these events, and we hope that the meeting may contribute to remedying this lack. In addition, I believe that we may learn important lessons for re-examining RMP expectations, implementations, and ultimately the circumstances of its abandonment. With luck the lessons may illuminate a clearer path to effective health policy now and in the future.

Lastly, I should tell you that we can probably manage to hold the meeting without a significant registration charge. On the other hand, there is no obvious source from which to subsidize most travel expenses. If this lack would prevent your participation, I would very much appreciate it if you would tell me.

Yours truly,

Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D.
Director

Enclosure - RSVP

Re:

**Regional Medical Programs
Legislation and Activities Meeting
December 6, 1991**

- I can attend.
- I will not need travel cost subsidized.
- I would require travel cost subsidy.
- I can agree to help by answering questions by mail.
- I would be willing to do recorded interview at NLM if a convenient date could be found.

Name:

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