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James M. Menger, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Committee of a Thousand for
Better Health Regulations
Suite 410
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Dear Mr. Menger:

I received your letter dated January 8, 1980, regarding the formation of the Committee of a Thousand. It was forwarded to me from the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, where I was formerly on the faculty. I now find myself in the position of dealing with government regulatory activities from a somewhat different vantage.

Whether one approaches the problem from the position of the academician or that of the bureaucrat, the goal of your Committee seems reasonable. Your invitation was addressed specifically to medical school faculty members. I might suggest that, given the number of cross-overs between academic institutions and regulatory bodies, you might consider extending the invitation to those of us who develop or apply the regulations. We bureaucrats who were formerly medical school faculty members are certainly sympathetic, and some of us will return to academic pursuits. We can, perhaps, understand both spheres to some extent. I might suggest that academicians and bureaucrats can even work together toward a common goal, rather than approach the problem from an adversary standpoint.

Sincerely,

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