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Dear Alex

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An encouraging tide

In part in response to the memo, which will be a chapter in Jay Keyworth's report, there is a new wave of understanding in govt. about systemic problems of federal support.

I was at NIH yesterday in an extraordinary meeting with Jim Wyngarden, all the NIH Institute directors and most of the NIH grants policy staff.

For the first time since Jim Shannon, I heard a real concern from that brass about the health of institutions like R.U. and about the life cycle careers of scholars like ours.

"Investment vs. procure-ment" is becoming a catchword in these circles, as it should be

You have heard me speak of about these problems & not recently at lunchtime. It's still a long step to implementation ... but at least we are getting some signs of being heard.

Perceiving this may have an effect on my own psyche - I'm alluding to these ripples at 10:30 tonight.

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