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Dear Dr. Garfield:

This is in response to your letter of February 15 in connection with Dr. Milan Zeleny's proposal to use the facilities at Bellagio.

I am not much of a fan of "general systems theory" and had some trouble extracting tangible meaning out of Dr. Zeleny's proposal. In fact I suspect that there might be more good ideas at the conference than would be predicted from the verbiage that was submitted.

Dr. Zeleny's main contact with me is that he had approached me to join the editorial board of the new journal Human Systems Management: I really was not able to give him any encouragement on that score. I do not know what he is referring to by way of additional sponsorship from the Rockefeller University. I would be quite interested to know what some one like Mr. Mueller had to say about it.

Yours sincerely,

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