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New Research NCI-PCP ↓

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 31

Di. do Vita is, I believe fully sympathetic with our concerns. As soon as he can pull his organizational team together, we will try to work out a realistic review of action possibilities.

Unfortunately a lot of "minor cogs" in HHS have ground to a halt pending the presidential transition (the most minor put off being the composition of the Cancer Panel) - and it may be 2 or 3 months before much of a push can be mounted.

Have you thought how to recognize and define "new research"? Should we disregard much of anything else? (as you mean something other than new investigators) of course yes; but no one will deny innovation in his work in principle - he just doesn't dare expose it in his written applications!

Just how to handle the traffic is a real problem -- the present system is a bureaucratic nightmare

Sincerely,
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