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Director
City of Hope National Medical Center
1500 East Duarte Road
Duarte, California 91010

Dear Sir,

I enclose copies of correspondence exchanged with Dr. Richard Hammerschlag of your staff. I assume that you are interested in the activities of your staff and that you are aware of their actions taken as representatives of the City of Hope. It seems to me that perhaps Dr. Hammerschlag and his colleagues need some mature guidance to channel their no-doubt well intentioned actions on behalf of mankind.

Such dashing out and acting on erroneous assumptions which may result in damage to reputations of innocent people appears to me to be quite ill-advised. They might encounter some one of a vindictive nature who would not idly submit to character assassination. Personally I regard it as a tempest in a teapot and would rather see that the facts are set straight.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

R. Quentin Blackwell

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