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Honorable Gaylord Nelson and  
Honorable Alan Cranston  
Committee on Labor and Public Welfare  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Memo from  
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To: Ann Anders *Anderson*

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May 25th and for having introduced  
cancer act, S.34.

lly speaking, a member of the national  
st of cancer although I was unable to  
iberation that led to the final report.  
recommendations I did not regard the  
cy as the focal issue and whatever mis-  
weighed by the evident need to convey  
along with the cancer problem. Against  
brating financial and administrative  
: health research generally, over the  
ent of a new agency would have been an  
situation. This is not to say that it  
eal solution. I did not believe it then;  
evel of public attention has been  
eve that we can formulate far better ways  
ere embodied in the panel report at that  
: legislation has progressed, it has also  
ormulation of the bill put the final  
ie oversight of the program at ever greater  
ific community, in the name of "efficient  
believe that this aspect of the proposal  
rch-experienced members of the panel.

the new initiatives by the President  
: the reinvigoration of cancer research  
the obvious demerits of separating the  
: of NIH. Such a separation could be  
icer and to health progress generally.  
that contingency!

the administrative difficulties that  
s for progress in cancer. However,  
result of the association of cancer  
do with the relative invisibility  
. Furthermore, congressional  
HEW but also impinging directly on  
ces of difficulty. I refer to the  
or only a single fiscal year but many

*Re: Cancer*  
*Dear Eppie —*  
*I appreciate the boost*  
*you gave, so effectively, to*  
*cancer research. But I*  
*fear you were badly advised*  
*about the nature of the*  
*problem of "NIH bureaucracy"*

*Sincerely*  
*Josh*



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