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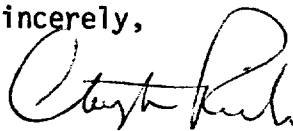
To : Executive Committee, Admission Committee, Committee of Five, SMSA Executive Committee

FROM : Clayton Rich, M.D.

SUBJECT:

Some of you may have seen a recent letter of the NEJM referred to in the enclosed letter from Dean Ebert of Harvard Medical School. I believe that you should also see his response. I associate myself with the opinions and conclusions he expresses.

Sincerely,



Clayton Rich, M.D.

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PERSONAL

Dear Clay -

I know Bernie Davis very well (as does Dan Federman) but I regret I was unable to dissuade him from this aberration. His offensive exaggerations may make it difficult to sustain the standards that Dr. Ebert articulates, and with which of course we are also associated.

Nevertheless I trust that setting aside NB-I failure is an exceptional circumstance (regardless of "clinical excellence") and not a precedent for any action likely to be repeated here.

Joshua Lederberg

