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Dear Jim:

I am sorry if I confused you with my request for a weekly news bulletin, but that was my own confused recollection. Perhaps it was the drug recall notices that you had in mind, or rather that I remembered, and I really would not want to be burdened with that. I thought there was some other service concerning new developments in therapeutics that your agency was putting out and which was, for example, being syndicated to some of the labor union publications; but my recollection of this is now very vague and I would ask you not to waste any more time on it.

One rather exciting thing that you told me about had to do with some epidemiological evidence for moderate intellectual impairment as a result of early virus infections. The only publication I have been able to find on this is by Douglas in the British Medical Journal for November 21, 1964, and he reported quite inconclusive effects, whatever there were being attributable to confounding with socio-economic stratification. This had to do with measles.

If the work you had in mind has been published I would very much appreciate a reference to it.

Sincerely yours,

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