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October 16, 1968

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Dear Sam,

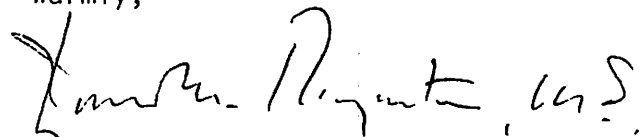
Your letter of September 24, 1968, has been received, read, and reflected upon at length. It has been circularized to all members of the Co-ordinating Council and received by each of them with regrets.

Your resignation is regrettable and the Council would urge that you reconsider and remain on the Committee but I know that that decision is largely yours and we can exert but a modicum of influence in asking you to alter it.

But that which disturbs me more deeply is that such a misunderstanding can occur between colleagues who are working for a common goal. Perhaps there was a lack of communication due mostly to the widely separated and autonomous function of the committees. If so this flaw must be corrected in order to prevent future occurrences of this gravity.

Certainly, Sam, no personal attack or criticism of your many years of valued service to our Institute was intended. Only the deepest appreciation for your many years of valued work and the highest personal regard for your friendship is held by all of us. I can only say that we are all sorry for the hurt which has befallen you and ask that you accept our apologies for our part in this unfortunate episode.

Warmly,



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October 22, 1968.

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Dear Leonard:

I received your letter of October 16, 1968, and have taken the liberty of sending, in copy, the contents to the same individuals to whom Dr. Vatz distributed, in copy, his personal letter to Dr. Rudolf Ekstein. (Letter of September 18, 1968.)

I do appreciate your letter to me, and the knowledge of the fact that this matter has been discussed and noted by the members of the Co-ordinating Council of the Society-Institute.

After some consideration and thought, my decision is that I will not be available for service to the Special Projects Committee, and my resignation to that particular Committee must stand, as indicated to Dr. Vatz in my letter of September 25, 1968.

Your perceptive comment regarding a lack of communication was substantiated only last week, when for the first time since the month of June, I received, by mail, a notice of a forthcoming meeting of the Special Projects Committee.

Thank you once again for your personal interest and understanding in the matter of this situation and its grievous development.

With kindest regards,

Samuel Futterman, M.D.

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cc's: Drs. Atkins, Eisenstein, Ekstein, Gabe, Goldberg
Leavitt, Levy, Mandel, Orr, Peck, Saperstein, Vatz.