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Benno:

I think you would agree that Vince DeVita is a splendid choice as Director, NCI. For him to properly manage the difficult tasks of ordering the NCI in the face of declining real dollars requires some sympathetic attention (not special favors) both from the present and the incoming administration. I am hopeful, in fact, for real improvement in this respect, and, accordingly for a material role for the PCP!

Vince is stymied now in setting up his division directorships both by the apathy on personnel matters of the present administration at the dept. level, and by uncertainty as to his own place during the transition. I am working on both of these. Any help you can offer would be, may I say, an effort well spent.

Yours,

Jerry