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Dear Joe:

Your disk just received.

I wish I could count on joining Bernie and your group later this month, but it looks nearly a physical impossibility. Why don't you go ahead as is most convenient among yourselves, but let me know the date you ~~xxxxx~~ choose and if (miraculously) I can find time for it, I might show up. (If so, I would call you; if you don't hear from me, count me out).

One of the reasons for this preoccupation is that the California situation is slightly more complex than you may know about. We are also considering a counter-offer from Berkeley. The a priori probability of our moving then becomes  $2/3$ , but those are not necessarily realistic odds. I have, however, checked both places and was reassured they would not bar my continuing with present consultative arrangements. We would not move before July 31 in any case.

I am delighted to hear that the anti-perspirant story has gotten into channels.

It would have surprised me if the DAP-lysine story hadn't struck your fancy; but I consider part of my job is to make sure. I hope you find an angle.

Are those glass beads the 'ballotini' or glow beads? If so, we have a stock here from the 3M Company, which uses them for traffic paints, etc. I'm glad this is working out for you, but I hope you don't trust it without good pragmatic experience.

On the substitution-chemotherapy, I hope you are prepared to cope with initially low activities. But, of course, you might run into very active compounds on a general preliminary screening, and these should be run after first.

We're going over to Paris and England in March; Bernie will be at the same Ciba meeting. I'll give you the dope on the meetings when I get back; let me know if there's anything in particular we can look out for, for you.

Yours

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