DATE: June 4, 1976

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.

Dear Clay -

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

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