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Dear Alex 11/20/84

An encouraging tide

In part in response to the memo, which will be a chapter in Jay Keyworth's report, there is a new wave of understand in govt. about systemic problem of federal support.

I was at NIH yesterday in an extraordinary meeting with Jim Wyngaarden, all the NIH institute directors and most of the NIH grants policy staff.

For the first time since Jim Shannon, I heard a real concern from that brass about the health of institutions like R.U. and about the life cycle careers of scholars like ours.

"Investment vs procurement" is becoming a catchwo in these circles, as it should be

You have heard me speak o about these problems & mo recently at lunchtime. It still a long step to implemen tation .... But at least we ar getting some signs of being hear

Penning this may have an effect on my own psyche — I m allude to these ripples at LA tonight.

Yours,
Jim

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