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MEDICAL ETHICS

Dear Josh

Your "intro" -- as the people in publishing say (I've just visited my daughter in New York) -- is what I hoped for and believed you would write.

I like its spirit and its style and its length and its learning. Just the right thing, and it will add a real filip to the book.

Your suggestion about a title will be seriously weighed. In any case, I am inclined to agree with you about not using the word engineering, for exactly the reasons you give.

When I spoke of computerized bibliography I was thinking of the MEDLARS system. Reading what you say on the subject I realize that only articles in periodicals come up on the readouts I get. So, when I'm in Charlottesville next week I'll huddle with the librarian there to see whether anything at all is available for books.

Maybe you've cooled off about doing the book along the lines of your Washington Post columns, and no doubt you'd have to revise some of it and make additions, but I'm sorry to hear that it won't be done. You have a flair for it -- as few scientists do.

Keep the manuscript as long as you need. I should explain that I've excised about 7,500 words -- only cosmetic surgery, not mutilation. And I've made a number of corrections and, I hope, improvements.

Sincerely

Joseph Fletcher

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