May 25 - 1974 - Sat.

Stony Brook

Harry Eagoff took the chairmanship at Stony Brook some 2-3 mo ago. I had seen him in Feb at Am Coll of Radiol in NYC, + he had asked if I would consider joining him. This Th + F provided my first chance to get away for a look. Elly has been unhappy with the frustrations of the Bethesda house (no storage space) + separation from friends + I find the situation at NIH ridiculous in that a group of question-ably able investigators have usurped control of what is done in extramural rsch &

wish to accept no
input from me for
reasons of jealousy as
to prerogatives. To
make a long story
short, it appears that
Harmison took in TC
on the TAH + TC
could not back down
easily when careful
review of the so-called
VAB + the H-TAH
pumps (both made
out of unsupported
dreams in a literally
illegal fashion - i.e.
no sc, rev, or ex,
consultants - when
this careful review
showed both to be
non-viable. When
it became obvious
that this careful
review, mainly

done at my request by Putzel, would have this conclusion in spring 1973, Harrison took a surreptitious undermining of my every attempt to streamline + strengthen the DTA. When I ... asked that he be removed by DTA TC went along - late in July. Within a week of this removal + of removal of the drone Dick Scott, TC disbanded DTA on the thesis that with Nixon's impoundment of funds + personnel ceilings we suddenly blocked me from recruitment

of several excellent replacements now standing ready in the wings. DTP was no longer viable. I was brought into TC's office as Special Asst for Technology + asked to try to coordinate all Technol in NHLI, but removed from direct control of the work for wch I was brought to NIH. ~~Hab~~ Have been busy with many activities such as the Panel of FDA on CV Devices — the Similar one of an old friend + several others. Have been looking

On April 18 TC was made Deputy asst Sec of Health, + DR has taken over as acting Dir of WHL. This has been delightful - to my surprise. No one knows who will succeed Ted Cooper.

On May 23, Elly + I flew to LaG + picked up a car. We went to see Abe Lapedat at DMC + found her hearing OK but mine sharply ↓'d at frequencies above about 2400. She will inquire to see if a hearing aid would help. It has been trying when I could not follow conversation

in a crowd.
Retailed w Cal Plimpton
about the offer of a
position as chief of
Research at Bhla VA.
He now accepts my
advice of Aug 1971
that a strong future
depends on close fn
of DMC + VAH. There
is some falling
out betw him +
HHL over some
lack of forthrightness
on HHL's part in re
Walt Lillehei working
at VAH - & think
the whole thing
would introduce
some areas of
awkwardness for
Sam Kountz +
told Cal & did not

think I would take it. A big factor also is the commuting that would be involved & living that would be no better for Elly.

We drove out to Stony Brook & had dinner at Three Village Inn with Harry Soroff, Cliff & Arlene Bistwell, Bill & Christine Hersey. Bill has been FT at Stony Brook 2 yr.

On Fri May 24 I had a schedule as on the enclosed sheet - meeting Dean Marvin Kuschner, Chr of Med Leonard Meiselas (now here 2 yr), Kuschner's st hand girl Mrs Eddie Bouvoir, Sumner Levine (Prof of bio Engg)

The advantages are:
(1) Living 1 Elly
(2) Rock opportunities with guaranteed support
(3) Space / rock. Dept has empty labs now + in new bldg has 1/2 acre of floor space (incl'g specialties)
(4) Some clin activity at VAH - Northpoint - Have a huge complex 1 450 beds + is only partly full but is new (< 1 yr.) - 13 mi away for school (work of Pellegrino, now mercifully gone) I could follow my former pts from DMC perhaps + use of 450 bed Huntington

Hosp, wh is staffed
w. house officers of
Soroff's program.

(5) Little admin work

(6) A PR role w the
profession - could
well be done via Bkln
+ L.I Chapter of ACS
+ via several of my
trainees in practice
in the area.

(7) Soroff wants to fill
17 or 18 faculty lines
in SUNY + would
prefer to have me
on one. In answer to
his querry, I noted
I now have 36K
fr UIH + 15 K fr
NY St Retirement Fund.
He can almost
match w a salary
of 50K - noting
that if I work f.

SUNY my retirement would terminate. I shall inquire whether so doing would raise my retirement income when I finally stop work.

Disadvantages:

(1) I am rusty on S & would need intensive study to recoup & gingerly practice.

(2) I do not learn or recall as I used to

(3) The program is in the stage of infancy.

a Univ Hosp is supposed to be 4 or 5 years away. + it could work only until 70 yr Dange for SUNY.

(4) There is the need for XS travel betw the school + VAH.

The decision must await printed firming of arrangements as to:

(1) Salary + retirement.

(2) Accommodations of associates: Pitzele, HH LeVeen - perhaps Abarbanel + a crew -