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TO: Dr. Dennis
Dr. Malette
Dr. Rainer
Dr. Spencer
Dr. Varco

Gentlemen:

I write you this letter as members of the Planning Committee for the NRC Conference on Mechanical Devices to Assist the Failing Heart. I have received a stack of answers to our first letter. On the basis of these results, I have formulated a second tentative program that I enclose. I ask that you review this and make any suggested changes sending this back to me as quickly as you can. I will then synthesize your answers and make a final program. I will then notify the participants.

Although there were many comments in answer to my first letter, they boil down as follows:

- 1) A large number thought we had devoted too much time to pumps, and
- 2) You would be surprised how many people think that they, and they alone, are responsible for the ideas concerning mechanical devices to assist the failing heart! This promises to be a very gamey conference with the participants defending their gadgets like another hen (or tiger) defending its young.

Please answer this as soon as you can, for I want to get this completed. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ben Eiseman, M.D.
Professor and Chairman

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