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Dear Marie,

I look forward to a discussion with you. Things are so confused & confusing to me.

One suggestion made to me is to have an open NIH "Town Forum" with press invited, & answer questions all day long. Whereas this has some attractive aspects to me others have advised against it, saying it is too "risky" & provide too many possibilities for volatile press interactions.

Nonetheless, I must find
some pathway, some mechanism
to clarify a few key issues
+ perhaps also to make
apologies for managerial
imperfections etc. + answer
else people think it is needed.
The key thing is that people
have a small fraction of the
story, is perpetually misconstrued
to the advantage of the French
government. Merkel and is using
this to hide from their
brook test scandal which somehow
rarely is mentioned here. Of course,
Duggill-Stockton et al on another
+ more serious matter. Joe Cole
has prepared a "White paper" which is written
clearly & clarifies many, perhaps all, of
the points, but I am unsure what to
do with it.
Hope we talk soon. Regards & thanks,
Bob.