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Dear Arthur:

Enclosed is a memorandum which I am mailing to a large number of persons who are interested in The International Health and Medical Research Act of 1959. I am enclosing also a copy of a speech which I made at the recent luncheon for the Lasker Award winners of the American Public Health Association, a copy of an article I wrote recently in The New York Times, and copies of a letter I wrote the President and his reply.

During the Congressional hearings on The International Health and Medical Research Act of 1959, it became increasingly apparent that certain areas of disagreement exist between various groups which are deeply concerned with this legislation. By virtue of your position, you became the spokesman for one point of view, and by virtue of my tremendous interest in the legislation, I have become one of several spokesman for another point of view. As I pointed out in the memorandum, I think these are honest differences of opinion.

I would like very much to have the opportunity of sitting down with you to discuss these matters personally. I could make a special trip to Washington to do this. However, if you are going to be in New York at any time within the next few weeks, we might actually have more time here for such a discussion. Nothing would please me more than to have you come and lunch with me at the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation on your next visit to New York, both to see our program and to discuss these matters.

Sincerely,

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