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Dear Doctor Neurenburg:

I am planning to write an article on "When Does Human Life Begin?" in which I would include the views of world renowned authorities on this subject. As you well know, there are physicians who hold that human life begins at the moment of conception and others who say human life does not begin until implantation. What would be your answer to this? I would be indebted to you, if you would send me your answer with the reasons for it, along with permission to include it as part of my article. Your reply could be as long as you wish to make it.

I solicit your cooperation because I am convinced that doctors would be interested in what you think is the proper answer to this timely question.

It is my desire to make this article as authoritative as possible. Enclosed is a partial list of those to whom copies of this letter is being sent. Since you undoubtedly know other authorities in this field, I appeal to your generosity by asking you to send me the names and addresses of others whose opinion I should solicit. I am particularly anxious to obtain the names of authorities outside the United States.

I truly would appreciate your suggestions and your answer to the question, "When Does Human Life Begin?".

Hoping that some day I will have the privilege of meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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