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February 16, 1972

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman
Subcommittee on Health
Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

This is in response to your letter dated February 3, 1972 which arrived February 9. I look forward to getting together with you and Governor Gilligan on February 24th and hope that the meeting can resolve some of the issues.

I will be very happy to make available to the Subcommittee a copy of the Ad Hoc Review Committee Report, which is the "internal study of the project" that your letter refers to. I expect to make that report available within approximately a week and trust that it will answer your questions about the project as it is a most detailed investigation by a highly competent group of people, including among its members, scientists who are not members of the Medical Center.

You asked also for the University evaluation of a recent report which you termed the "Junior Faculty Association Report." I have asked Dr. Gall to write to you on that subject. You should receive a letter from him within a few days.

Please be assured that I view the subject of research involving human subjects as a very important one and was in 1969 a member of the President's White House Task Force on Science Policy. It was in part because of this concern with research on human subjects that the University decided to undertake its own intensive study of the project.

I will be happy to cooperate with the Subcommittee in any way consistent with the health and legal rights of the patients involved. Dr. Gall will be in touch with you concerning the results of our letter to the patients or their families asking if they consent to be interviewed.

Sincerely yours,

*Warren Bennis, President
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You asked also for the University evaluation of a recent report which you termed the "Junior Faculty Association Report." We are very carefully studying the report. ~~Yaxxzhaxixxxxxixx~~ I have asked Dr. Gall to write to you on that subject. You should receive a letter from him within a few days.

Please be assured that I view the subject of human experimentation as a very important one and have, in fact, been a member of a Presidential Commission on the ethics of human research. It was in part because of this concern that the University decided to undertake its own intensive study of the project.

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Dear Mr. Pedley:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, which we received on February 10. The University has looked very closely into the case you have mentioned and is about to release in the near future a very exhaustive report by its Ad Hoc Review Committee that will help answer the questions raised by various people about the project, and help make clearer the appropriate course for the University to pursue.

Sincerely yours,

Warren Bennis
President