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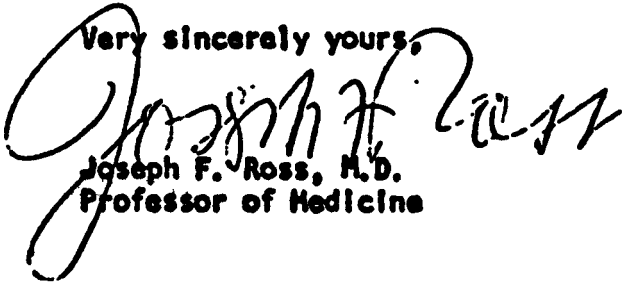
Finally, letters I reviewed from 9 of the 12 patients under consideration have unequivocally indicated their unwillingness to participate in investigatory interviews! I was informed that the other three patients also have written indicating similar unwillingness to participate in such interviews. Not only would it be unethical to force these patients to be interviewed, it would be inhumane!

Evidence presented to me indicates that already publicity associated with the accusations concerning this program has had very adverse effects upon at least two of these patients -- a truly tragic situation!

My opinions in this matter have been formed as a consequence of discussions with the responsible professional staff of the program; Dr. Eugene L. Saenger, Dr. Edward B. Silberstein, Dr. Harry Horowitz, Dr. Benard S. Aron, and Mrs. Carolyn N. Winget; review of the following documents: letter of 1/3/72 addressed to Senator Mike Gravel from Dr. Robert W. McConnell, President of the American College of Radiology; a "Progress Report of the Whole and Partial Body Radiation Therapy for Palliation of Cancer Patients, etc.", dated 12/13/71, prepared by Dr. E. L. Saenger; a memorandum prepared 2/2/72 by Mrs. Winget; and a review of letters from patients concerning their participation in interviews. I believe that the information gained by these discussions and reviews is adequate to justify my opinion.

I will be pleased to amplify any comments, should you wish me to do so.

Very sincerely yours,


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February 1-2, 1972

TRANSPORTATION

Air fare Los Angeles-Cincinnati-Chicago	\$197.00
Taxi - residence to Los Angeles Airport	6.50
Taxi - Cincinnati Airport to hotel	7.50

TIPS

	<u>1.25</u>
	\$212.75



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