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Your very nice letter of February 14th was awaiting my return in Iowa yesterday. It was nice of you to write me as you very deeply appreciate the communication.

Believe me, I know the position in which you find yourself and I think I sympathize with your position. Rest assured that in our understanding we have your best interests at heart and, at the same time, I am being selfish.

The arrangements which you have made with the internist of your choice is completely satisfactory to both me and to Dave Swanson and others concerned. I would be very pleased to have his full name and his address in order that I may write him a communication and offer him our best wishes and extend to him a welcome.

In the not too distant future I should like to have an opportunity of discussing with you the problem of atomic medicine with respect to its application in life insurance. I believe that possibly you and I can make some contributions to the industry in this connection. I feel reasonably sure that before too very long we will be asked to accept and underwrite some of these people who may have had exposures and I would like to know what we can do about it, both from the standpoint of the possibility of standard rates or of substandard rates to rates not acceptable at all. If we can start the ball rolling, I believe we can be of benefit, not only to people of the areas involved who will undoubtedly need more protection but also, to the industry as well.

Good luck to you in your new endeavors, rest assured of my continued cooperation and deep feeling of friendship.

Sincerely yours,

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