Thanks very much for your letter of October 22 enclosing the outline of your preliminary plan concerning the "Cardiac Arrhythmias under Cyclopropane Anesthesia." It is always stimulating to me to observe and to know about the intense manner in which you investigate a subject.

I am sorry that I am not going to be able to come out to Los Angeles in December, but I am very anxious to know something of the outcome of this discussion. I remember the remark that I made about the apnoeic technic in which I suggested that only the skilled should use the apnoeic technic. It seemed to me to be conservative at the time, and I still do not care to see a technician here employ it.

I am interested to note that you say all your deep abdominal work is done with apnoeas and that you cannot get along without it. I find that I am unable to get along without cyclopropane for the cases where Harrington uses the abdominal approach for repair of diaphragmatic hernia, and I presume that the deep relaxation you provide your surgeons for all their abdominal work must be a great deal of help to them; however, we are trying our best to get along without it and are making some progress, I think, towards a fire-proof technic. It will probably be more complicated than your apnoeic technic.

I am sorry that you feel that The Mayo Clinic has a publicity policy which you don't like. I only wished that all the medical men in the country realized how the Board of Governors feels in connection with publicity, and I now realize since hearing both sides of the publicity angle how helpless anybody on our institution staff is in regard to publicity, even if they try to avoid it. No one tried harder than Lindbergh up till recently, and I don't suppose anyone had more than he had. No one will believe what we say, but I am satisfied that every effort than anyone can or could ever make is being made here to carry out the proper
relations with magazines etc. that might be recognized by any medical organization. I am satisfied that if anybody has any scheme that would work we would like to know what it is and I should like to see the man who could make any plan work with newspapers and magazines. They rebel against any and all control from anybody.

I am still so interested in this study that you are making that I wonder if I might make the suggestion that Dr. C. J. Betlach who had his fellowship here and is now at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and who worked on dogs with cyclopropane using the electrocardiograph, would be a good man to attend if possible. If he cannot attend, get him to check the work that you are doing as he is surely well prepared to do it.

Thank you again for your invitation to stay over and watch you work. That would be the thing I would most like to do, for the technic as I use it is self-taught and is probably not the best.

Best regards from all of us to all of you. I hope you find some way of recording the discussion at the meeting so that it can be available to us.

Sincerely,

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