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Dear Alan,

The Therapy Resistance Conference was most interesting and clearly a successful and important occasion. The topic deserves the study that it is now getting. Perhaps I over-reacted to the Post slides, but is it not a reflection on our practice when a leader of what is presumably the most prestigious, expensive, and over-funded psychiatric research venture in the U.S. unashamedly tells a public audience that he subjects his patients to one experimental regimen after another, month after month, year after year, without prior attempts at an effective treatment? Is that not a sign of hubris? I cannot imagine a similar scenario at The Arbour or at University Hospital (or at McLean, or Payne Whitney, or the many other fine clinical/research centers in the U.S.)

In any case, the article by Kroessler is enclosed.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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