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Dear Jim:

I trust by now you are recovering nicely and hope that you will be back at work shortly. We missed you at the meetings last week. The sessions went off excellently, however, except for my personal fatigue (chairing a meeting for two days can be most difficult).

The presentations were well received and our many consultants made their contributions in very good form. The two-day session was summarized excellently by Keith who presented the material from his notes. I hope that he will have a chance to write this in summary fashion for the Newsletter.

The Society reported that it had a large amount of money in the treasury. I expressed my feeling that we should have been allowed an additional number of consultantships to pay for men like John Stern, Frank Ervin, and Neil Burch. These men owe little to the Society and it seems to me that we were presuming on their NIH grants or their parent organizations. As a result of my inquiry, the Society decided that it would be more liberal at the next meeting regarding the use of funds by the various chairmen.

No decision was made regarding publication of the proceedings of the various sections. Once we knew this, neither Keith nor I felt it necessary to maintain detailed records. In the event that the Society decides to publish the detailed proceedings at some later date, then I believe we should provide some secretarial help at that time. For the meanwhile, it was recommended that the fashion of our group to hold interim meetings should be continued. I do not know what

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would be the best subject for the next session, but I do believe that a greater emphasis should be placed on studies in animals in either the next interim meeting or the next annual meeting in January.

I made an additional suggestion to Milt Greenblatt. I indicated that the Society may profit from having a rotating chairmanship and indicated that in the event that he wished, he should appoint other members of our section to my position for the coming year.

I believe that we should hear from the Program Committee during the next few months regarding suggestions for interim meetings. There is a possibility that the Society would wish to support financially an interim meeting between now and the end of 1964. I believe such a meeting could be held and since the October EEG meetings will be held in Santa Fe, I would be delighted if you would arrange to hold the session at that time. If not, it may be equally advisable to hold another session at the Federation meetings which I believe will be held in Chicago.

These are my thoughts. Again, I do hope that you are recovering nicely and look forward to having your leadership again this year.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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