

Saturday, January 27, 1996  
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Dear Alan,

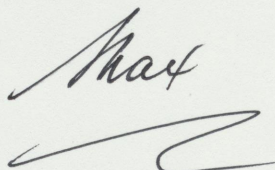
Martha and I have just returned from a delightful 5-days at the Spice Island Inn in Grenada. The weather was excellent, the food adequate, the accommodations among the best we have had in the various islands. The hotel was next door to the off-shore medical school in Grenada. I was able to chat with many of the students who were relaxing and reading on the beach -- their cafeteria and dining tables are on the beach front. I was saddened by the thought that these -- what seemed to me to be fine young Americans -- had to get their education in what seemed to be poor facilities [despite a glorious beach]. I could see little that would distinguish them from our students at Stony Brook.

Among my mail on my return is the communication from Richard Horton, Editor of Lancet. I had been in touch with him when I edited CT. I am puzzled by his inquiry. First, I had to look up the word 'aegis' [see 'egis'] and found that it is a protective influence, a shield. As I read [and re-read] the article, I come to the conclusion that the 'withdrawal of aegis' is a legitimate editor's response to an unsatisfactory article which passed through the review net. What do you think?

I am still pausing in getting to write about ECT on the Internet. I have an invitation from '[www.mhsource.com](http://www.mhsource.com)', the home page of John Schwartz [CME, Inc., The Psychiatric Times], and another from Ben Green [Psychiatry On-Line-- [www.cityscape.co.uk/users/ad88/psych.htm](http://www.cityscape.co.uk/users/ad88/psych.htm)]. In addition, Stony Brook has decided to have invested in a server for the medical school 'home-pages' and has invited faculty members to set up their own. If my work-load decreases, I will think more about it.

It is pouring this afternoon -- why am I here instead of in Grenada???

My best to Carol.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Max", with a long, sweeping underline stroke.