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Dear Don:

I thought it was best to let you know that after I wrote a letter to all the characters that were at Washington and gave you a bad time about our plans, Conard called Bill Meissner without my knowledge, and Bill thinks what we plan to do is ridiculous, will not be profitable, and that there really isn't any conflict in diagnosis nor need to correct it. Apparently they say the only difference is with the diagnosis of occult cancer. I like a fight and am prepared to go ahead, irrespective of the feelings of Conard or Meissner. However, I don't like to embroil my friends in a squabble without their concurrence. In addition, I have not as yet heard from any of the other members of the thyroid group to get their reactions to the letter I sent you all.

I would appreciate it if you would contact Horton Johnson and feel him out as pathologist-to-pathologist as to whether what is being proposed is a worthwhile thing to do. Please let me have your thoughts as soon as it is practical.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Dictated by Dr. Cronkite but transcribed and sent in his absence.