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Dear Dick,

I've been away for two days. When I got home this evening and had your letter of the 24, the first thing I did is write Dr. Segal. So you will know I have not used you as an intermediary, I enclose a carbon.

Despite the fact that we pay Group Health what for us is a prohibitive \$1200 for what is supposed to be excellent care, emphasizing preventive medicine, as soon as I got back from New York I began following your advice, with an appointment with the only local doctor I liked. At home and out slightly.

It was not my intention of having or seeing to use you as an intermediary.

I did not notice either his first name or address. So I did not know how to write him. And I have not received his recommendation of a specialist.

The previous three days had not been easy. The Friday before that Saturday I had put in 21 or 22 hours. If I should have been more alert, I wasn't.

A few days after I got back, there was a bad period. It lasted about a week. It did worry me, more because GHA responded to nothing, not to my letter written immediately now to Segal's letters, which I did not say I knew he had written. I thought I sent you a copy of this so you would be aware that I was not involving anybody in anything.

My situation does not permit me to go shopping around for doctors. I can't pay them. Locally, I don't even know where to begin. But this does get near I'm about to exploit appreciated but kindness.

Yesterday I left by bus for Washington, before daylight. The one thing I have been able to get from GHA was a prescription for the device Dr. Segal recommended. I was assured for them and they are being fabricated. I worked until 2 a.m. There was to have been a calendar call on the King evidence FOIA suit today but the assistant U.S. Attorney got the Fla. Sup. I prepared for the delayed hearing and was in the District of Columbia appeals court. I'll discuss the second part of your letter when I catch up. Maybe first thing in the morning if I can't sleep well.

Perhaps this will help you understand my situation a little better. A week or ten days after I was out of the hospital, in October, I gave the GHA doctor the usual form provided by an insurance company. After five reminders at least I received it day before yesterday. The one part not filled in is the release to the insurance company of my medical records on this illness. I can't know how many interpretations a lawyer can find but I'm limited to one.

Best,