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Dear Bill

Had a very enjoyable long weekend at Lake Tahoe including 3 rounds of golf and 1 dinner show. Returned to find Elvin back in the hospital after having been 1 day out of there in a local hotel. It seems he became sick on Friday and Helen had to put him back in intermediate care because he was running a temperature of 102° which went to 104° on Saturday. They have it back to 100° to 102° range today but after 5 days of all kinds of tests ^{and culture growings, they} still cannot find the reason. They have eliminated by many tests the possibility of it being the Flu, pneumonia, any problem of the liver or heart; it's too early for hepatitis; they've changed and eliminated most drugs one-by-one to see if it's an allergy. He's taking IV feeding, feels OK. except has no appetite and he sleeps a lot. The doctors seem to be puzzled and without an answer. Apparently he's in no immediate critical danger?

Enclosed is the writeup you requested concerning a possible change in financial arrangement with the company that would mean changing from a simple pay-as-you-go consulting retainer (which pays very large dollar amounts relative to the hours of on-site work with the staff at our plant) to one which would authorize a royalty to

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he paid on innovative devices disclosed to the company with the attendant full manufacturing and sales rights. I have always thought that so long as you were an employee of NASA, they would have a claim to any innovative devices you disclose including the patent rights thereto and in fact I still believe they do. I believe you will find that they want disclosures to them first, a free license for their own use, control of who gets any patent ^{license} rights, and time-limiting features of commercial licensing under those rights.

I believe you know that I do not wish to get Del Mar Lemniz involved with the government in any way concerning proprietary rights in ~~the~~ ^{our} medical product line. The enclosed writeup is therefore for your further thought and discussion with me.

Obviously you are currently snowed under by the load NASA has thrown at you with the new test program on potential hires. Let's recognize that it will always be so with respect to their requirements for your time. Nevertheless I hope you do get a chance to start using the Mesurimeter II soon. Work on improvement is continuing here - trying revised crystal, air-actuated mikes, trying revised filter etc. Probably will be late this month before they put it together as an improvement over what you have

Regards
Bruce.