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Dear Tony,

What a nice surprise to hear from you. I know Bart's is a grand and great place with an old, marvelous tradition of excellence in medicine. I had no idea it began in the early part of the 12th Century! How fantastic. They just cannot and must not even begin to consider closing. This would be an inspirational loss to the medical community throughout the English speaking world. You should get colleagues everywhere to write to the appropriate people.

Thank you for the wonderful student's response on HIV. Yes, I have often thought of Galileo. Dingell has replaced the Church. The latest attack is really quite remarkable. A bureaucratic office (no scientists) over-rules three scientific committees. In order to get something on me they focused on an ambiguous (but perfectly true) phrase in one sentence of one paper. Years of my life and of my work have been lost due to these investigations and no one has ever defined why. The next step brings me to "due process" (at last). I will win, but I have lost some years of time and work, and obviously I feel hurt in other ways.

Nonetheless, I am determined to keep productive. Morale in the lab remains high. The young people, mostly European, are terrific.

Try to be with us in late August this year.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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