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Dear Leonidas:

Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending Christmas greetings.

I was delighted to hear from you, as it brought back memories of your many wise and cogent contributions during the days we shared together on the National Advisory Council for RMP.

I am certain that you have reflected on the history and the fate of Regional Medical Programs, as I have. It is too bad that an idea of such importance had to suffer such gradual attenuation. It will, of course, be resuscitated in new federal programs, because the aims of the first legislation were certainly congruent with the needs of people.

My special congratulations go to you for your receipt of the Schindler Award for 1977. I know there is no higher recognition in the field of endoscopy, and you richly deserve the honor. My only wonder is at why you had not received it before.

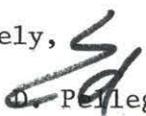
It pleases me that you have found the Society for Health and Human Values a valuable experience. All of us who were involved in the early days of the Society are overwhelmed by the tremendous increase in membership and interest over the past four or five years. The work of the Society is progressing extraordinarily well, as is the work of the Institute on Human Values in Medicine which I direct.

Your book on the clinical significance of gastrointestinal endoscopy is still another tribute to your energy and distinction in this field.

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the oration I gave at one of the annual meetings of the Society for Health and Human Values. I thought you might enjoy it.

With very best wishes to you for the coming New Year and for a continuation of the success and recognition you have so richly deserved. Please give my regards also to Jim Haughton.

Sincerely,


Edmund Pellegrino, M.D.
President