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Dear Judah:

I could not refrain from writing as a follow-up to our conversation. For someone who has known you as closely as I have and who feels so warmly towards you, it is extremely difficult to remain mute in the face of that obnoxious, biased and superficial presentation of your studies. Your enormous contributions to medical science prior to angiogenesis factor and those which will undoubtedly follow, will never be diminished by such negative comments. The potential contribution of your studies of this factor, for both the normal and pathologic state, have already accrued sufficient "credit" to give you a feeling of enormous accomplishment.

Although I am certain that the past majority of your colleagues and friends have made known to you their feelings of pride and of support for you in this difficult time, I wanted to stress my own unalterable support for you, your scientific contribution and your status as a respected and major figure in American medicine.

Very sincerely yours,

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