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Norman J. Latker, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Latker:

I am pleased to know that you are back in the saddle. Please accept my congratulations for the spirit in which you have served the HEW.

In 1970-74 you worked closely with myself and Dr. Shulman to obtain patents on the hemagglutination test for hepatitis and I have had and continue to have admiration for your abilities.

The editorial write-up and the current events reviewed in SCIENCE (August 3, page 476) are a testimonial to your services.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Girish N. Vyas, Ph.D.
Professor of Laboratory Medicine and
Director of Blood Bank

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