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I do not know at this moment when it will be desirable for me to come over. I suspect that some time the middle or latter part of March may be the best time. I would like to be there whenever we can review together the hematology and biochemical findings on the children under observation and make a decision as to the next phase of our study.

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With my warm regards.

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William J. Darby

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cc: Dr. Raja Asfour

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Dear Dr. Darby,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 31, 1971 and for all the trouble you have gone through trying to arrange for research support from Pillsbury. It is unfortunate that they reversed so abruptly their decision.

Raja has written to you about the arrangements for the Folic Acid study, in fact any arrangement will be suitable to us so please choose the one most convenient to you.

Looking forward for your visit in February.

Sincerely,

Samir S. Najjar, M.D.
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