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Mr. Lynn Richman  
5111 Mountain View Drive  
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Richman:

I am sorry that I did not have a chance to get together with you this past weekend. Please accept my sympathy over your wife's death. In retrospect, the fact that she passed away without further suffering was a blessing, since I doubt that a kidney transplant would have been possible.

Preliminary results of the post-mortem examination showed extensive calcification of all the blood vessels in the body, as well as calcium deposits in many of the vital organs. In particular, the muscle of the heart contained large deposits and the coronary vessels that feed the heart muscle were heavily calcified and narrowed. I suspect that the cause of death was a result of heart block or some other disturbance in heart rhythm that resulted from the calcium deposition. A kidney transplant would not have prevented complications of this sort.

Sincerely yours,

  
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cc: UMC # 19-29-88