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Dear Gary:

The attached piece from yesterday's *New York Times* crystallizes some of the complexities involved in attempting to do medical manpower studies that we discussed at our last luncheon. The author, a Professor from Dartmouth where a lot of work in this and related areas has been done, would conclude that the UIHC/IHS Task Force is on the wrong track. Someone with local knowledge of the Iowa health care/educational system would add that the U. of I. is opening itself up to a host of potential negatives which could veer out of its control. I'm having lunch with Peter Densen on Thursday of this week, at which time I will encourage him to seek ways to minimize the risks and will give him a few suggestions to this end.

If the U. of I. truly wishes to pursue a health manpower study, it should organize an appropriate set of talented researchers to deal with the complexities involved in an appropriate environmental framework, such as how Dartmouth has done it over the past decade or more. The current composition of the Task Force falls far below the level of sophistication that would be required to compile a meaningful analysis and constitutes, at best, an ill-conceived p.r. initiative.

Warm regards,

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