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Dear Henry:

When we met at Christ Sella recently, I promised to give you some information about Dr. Ralph E. Knutti whom I mentioned as a possible candidate for Chairman or Scientific Director of CIA - USA.

Dr. Knutti was Director of the National Heart Institute from 1961-1965 and prior to that was Associate Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. In October 1965, he assumed the position of Executive Officer in a non-profit organization called Universities Associated for Research and Education in Pathology, with offices at 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. As I understand it, one of the functions of this organization is to exercise fiscal and administrative control over the research grants from governmental and non-governmental sources to the various member universities for work in the field of pathology. The National Academy of Sciences and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology have also turned over to the organization responsibility for the conduct of the American Registry of Pathology and the Atlas of Tumor Pathology. Another activity of UAREP is the publication of an information service in the field of dermatopathology.

Dr. Knutti also has some responsibility in an organization called the American Society for Experimental Pathology, which shares offices with UAREP.

I see from Dr. Knutti's biographical entry in the Directory of Specialists that he is 65 years of age. I had guessed that he was somewhat younger. He seems to be in good health and not at all ready for retirement.

In the course of one rather long interview I came away with the impression that he is a very capable business man as well as a skillful research administrator. He has built

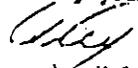
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up his present organization considerably since he took over and has enlarged the membership from three to six universities and it will soon take in three more universities.

I believe that you would find his views on the scientific questions of concern to us to be inoffensive.

I am enclosing his biographical entry from the Directory of Medical Specialists which includes some additional information concerning his background. If you desire additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

  
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