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Dear Margaret

Thanks very much for your recent letter. We miss Eileen and Charles very much, but it is clear to us that they are very happy in Australia. They tell us wonderful things about your country.

I have consulted several endocrinologists here at the Harvard Medical School who know much more about Depot Provera (Medroxyprogesterone) than I. They are very critical of it; apparently it has been demonstrated to cause pituitary suppression, permanent amenorrhea, infertility and endometrial atrophy. The Federal Drug Administration in the United States has banned its use as a contraceptive.

I have done a literature search with our computer-based library program and have enclosed the results. The longer list contains all references to medroxyprogesterone in our National Library of Medicine's file since 1975. The shorter list contains all references to medroxyprogesterone coupled with contraception since 1975.

I hope this information will be of some help to you. If there are any specific articles that you would like me to copy and send to you I will be happy to do so. As I say, our endocrinologists are against using medroxyprogesterone as a contraceptive.

I wish you much success with your work with adolescent girls. Please send my love to Eileen.

Sincerely yours

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