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July 21, 1997

Dear Dr. Levinson,

I am writing to you to explain my plans regarding the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

The term of my appointment is until July 1998. However, barring any major events or urgent requirements for new reports, my plan is to resign my membership on the Commission when the report on use of stored tissues is released. Given our current timeline, this should be sometime in early January 1998.

I am making this decision for a number of reasons. First, at the conclusion on the report on stored tissues, I will have contributed to two reports. The next project to be undertaken by the genetics subcommittee is anticipated to be a major overview and analysis of privacy that probably will require two years of work. It makes no sense for me to work on this effort for a few months and have a new commissioner come in part way through. It makes much more sense for me to resign, letting a new commissioner join at the start of this privacy project.

Second, the tremendous amount of traveling I have, and my own desire to be able to focus my energy and attention on developing the ethics program at the NIH incline me to reduce my efforts. The release of the report on stored tissue provides a propitious opportunity to achieve a good result for both NBAC and myself.

Let me be clear, however, this decision in no way reflects on the Commission. I have greatly enjoyed my experience on NBAC, especially your expert chairmanship, steering us through very arduous conditions. I find this a wonderful group to work with—intellectually challenging yet collegial and without personality conflicts. It is a tribute to my fellow Commissioners and you.

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You have asked me to suggest some potential replacements. In your words, these would be practicing physicians who are also medical ethicists. While there are many people who could serve well on NBAC I would urge you to consider the following two individuals. One of the main reasons I recommend these individuals is that I think they would fit in well with the character of the Commission; they both are intellectually rigorous but also very good to work with: collegial, considerate, and hard working. There is none of the abrasive, egomania that can be so divisive and dispiriting.

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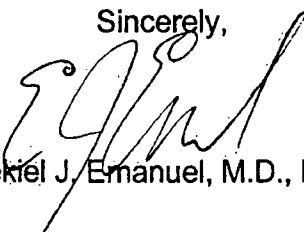
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I hope this relatively early warning of my decision is helpful and will allow the Commission to continue its important work without disruption.

I hope you have a good and restful summer.

Sincerely,


Ezekiel J. Emanuel, M.D., Ph.D.

cc. Harold Shapiro