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Honorable John Fogarty
House of Representatives
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Dear John:

A couple of friends from my area are in my office at this time. They are discussing with me the possibility of a tremendously accelerated program for research which might bring the answer to the cause and cure of leukemia. One of these friends has lost a sixteen-year old boy as a result of leukemia and the other friend has leukemia in the family.

One of these friends tells me that a prominent physician at Wadley Research Institute in Dallas made the following statement: "that it would probably take the illness and perhaps death of a prominent person with leukemia to focus sufficient attention on leukemia to get the necessary financing to do the research job which is necessary," or words to that effect.

Now, I know that you have been in the forefront in the fight for adequate funds for research and I have much faith and confidence in your judgment. I do not know what we are doing about leukemia through the Public Health Service or elsewhere, but I just wanted to call this matter to your attention. I would like to have you drop me a note in regard to the overall situation. If there is anything that any of us can do to accelerate the solution to this dread disease I know we want to do it. Please give me your best thinking.

Hope you are having a little rest occasionally. Every good wish.

Your friend,


George Mahon