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Dear Dr. Vonderlehr:

Early in the morning on December 5, the Cincinnati Times-Star telephoned me to say that they had a news' release from the Communicable Disease Center indicating that Dr. LeBlanc and I had been appointed as consultants to the Center. I told them that I know nothing about this appointment and was, furthermore, surprised because Dr. LeBlanc unfortunately had passed away about a year ago. Another Cincinnati newspaper, the Cincinnati Post, did not check with me, and you will find their story enclosed in this letter. I suppose that it is all due to some unfortunate mistake.

Since I am still alive and have still received no official communication from you, I wonder if you could straighten me out. Approximately two years ago, Justin Andrews asked me if I would serve as a consultant, and I had told him that because of certain other obligations I was not in a position to undertake that job at that time. Because I still don't know what the consultant's job to the Communicable Disease Center would involve, I still cannot say whether or not I would be in a position to serve. Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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