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My dear Matthew:

It's said "better late than never," but this late?

Since our return from the round the world cruise in April, naturally, I was kept busy with an accumulation most of which was paper garbage to be sure. Then followed our annual national "Young Designers' Competition" and preparation and delivery of a talk to six hundred executives in New York.

So, at long last, I acknowledge receipt of your paper, "Chemicals and Cancer," delivered as a Rueben Gustavson Memorial Lecture. This is a fascinating presentation that even I can understand. It was so lucid -- too clear, in fact -- when I saw the chart of annual deaths of U.S. males and the dramatic rise starting at age seventy or thereabouts that I'm going to run that past the chief worrier in the medical department, a good friend and a great physician to question as to whether I can do anything to minimize my hazard and that of Charlotte.

On a more cheerful note, it was a great party and I enjoyed renewing friendship with you and your folks. Keep up the good work, especially the Council for a Liveable World, hopefully for many years to come, years that I trust will be replete with good health and happiness for you and yours.

Regards,



Julius Braun

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cc: Joseph Skom, M.D.

P.S. Attached is a little check for \$100 for the Council and I hope that in the future we can increase the amount.