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in consultation with and the approval of Dr. Arnold Friedman who put Fiorinal on the market, enabling Sandoz to make millions. It is obvious that both Dr. Friedman, professionally, and Sandoz, financially, have a large stake in what appears in the Forum, in view of the coming evaluation by the FDA.

Though you may have had other reviewers, I suspect that the dampers were put on the publication of my views by Dr. Friedman. I cannot conceive of any other clinical scientist in the headache field objecting to any aspect of the content of my statement. I have been practicing these principles and teaching them to students and physicians for thirty-five years with reasonable evidence of success. To request the opinions of four different physicians (whom I presume were sound clinical scientists with recognized research and clinical experience in the field) and then to turn the views of one down because of the negative comments of a reviewer with whose opinions my views did not coincide, is a grossly dishonest action.

The matter is sufficiently important to me so that I shall attempt to have it further publicized. I am submitting my statement on the management of migraine which you solicited and then rejected to whatever reputable neurologic journal might accept it, accompanied by a letter to the editor for publication describing the sequence of events in this case. I will speak personally to the Editor-in-Chief of one of the journals who is a friend and whose esteem and respect I have always had.

Though I doubt you will be interested, I am enclosing three mimeographed handouts, prepared by me, for medical students, physicians, and patients on the subject of headache. One is an outline of headache mechanisms and appropriate therapies derived from the work of Dr. Harold G. Wolff with whom I worked and carried out research for many years at Cornell before coming here. Another is a reprint of a published panel on headache to which I contributed extensively held in New York several years ago. The third is a pamphlet for patients discussing the headache problem and its treatment in comprehensive, yet simple and lucid form. Although it may appear a bit conceited to you, I am sure that if you take the trouble to read these, you will understand why I believe that your journal and the physicians who read it, as well as the vast army of headache sufferers, are the losers, not I, by your fundamentally dishonest decision to exclude my manuscript on a last minute basis from the Forum to which you invited its contribution.

Yours truly,

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