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Dear Doug,

Note: I don't know why but my e-mail to you was bounced back. So, here is a hard copy of the message'

First, I would like to thank you and your fellow students who participated in my dental research project that was conducted at the then St. Francis De Sales Preparatory Seminary, my thanks also to the administration and faculty of the school. Your collective eager participation in the study was indeed commendable.

The study involved the addition of a simple phosphate compound to the chewing gum of those subjects in the test group. The chewing gum of the control subjects was identical except for the additive. The study was conducted as a double-blind study, meaning that both subjects and the examiners in the study never knew who were in which group. Those that did the data processing of the examination results had this information. I have never known the identity of the subjects in the test group.

The results were inconclusive with neither of the groups of subjects achieving a statistically significant reduction in dental caries. Unfortunately many clinical research projects end up as this trial did but we still have to do the work. In laboratory animals the active ingredient worked fine.

You might remember my associate, Mrs. Virginia A. Wehse, who worked on the project. Virginia celebrated of 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the actual day of the 9/11 event. She now lives in Thiensville and is in good health, considering her age. I am

now Professor Emeritus from Northwestern University living in downtown Chicago. I live just across the street from Chicago's famous Water Tower on the near north side.

If any of you former De Sales students would like to stop by for a visit when next in Chicago, I'll place my address and telephone number below.

Question: Do you know who this dude is?



Sincerely,

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