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Dear Professor Kaihara,

Thank you for your kind and very generous letter. I am sending this by fax as time is of the essence, and will mail a confirmatory copy.

I read all the enclosures you forwarded and share everyone's grief at the need to make supplementary arrangements for MedInfo '89. *Australian Medical Computing*, the journal of the Australian Medical Informatics Association, has an audited circulation in excess of 5000. Unfortunately, the next issue is due early in 1990 - too late to promote MedInfo.

There are, in general, several avenues to reach the medical practitioners of Australia. Currently, I write the computer page for the Australian Medical Association's national publication, *Australian Medicine* (national circulation 40 000). Once again, it is too late to publish anything earlier than November 1989 - some three weeks before the Singapore meeting. Various other national medical publications are in the same predicament.

By Australian standards, several months' lead time is required for overseas conferences. Nevertheless, I will try to assist by way of whatever publicity avenue is available. Do forward me appropriate material on which to base editorial writeups.

As for the regional association (Pan-Pacific), I regret to advise that I have not heard anything whatsoever from Singapore (the elected President) despite my registered communication to them earlier this year. I have been in touch with Mr Ouyang (Vice-President) and Dr Tang (Secretary) and am unaware of any further developments. Australia has delegates going to Beijing as well as Singapore and will support a further meeting at either venue. We (and presumably other countries as well) are awaiting advice from the President (Singapore) as to the results of the working party and advice of further initiatives - which are both due to be reported to MedInfo '89.

On a more personal note, Professor Kaihara, my wife and I are expecting our first child. We are very excited and also very busy. As such, I have had to shelve all travel plans for now.

Please give my best regards to all.

Respectfully,  
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