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Dear Friends:

Toni left for a week in New York and got home just before the snow storm. She left me in good hands with Kelly, Ron, Eddie, Victoria and Sandra.

I thought it was time to tell you what your support for PSP is doing. With your friendship and help, we have started "pushing the scientific doors". Recently, we began a dialogue with Columbia Presbyterian New York Hospital. Their neurological center is considered among the best in the United States. The doctors and scientists agree that in the last five years they have seen great progress in learning about the mysteries of PSP. We just have to keep going and talking!

On a personal level, we want to pass on to you a report from Dr. Larry Golbe. He is the researcher who has been in the forefront of PSP research in the United States.

In the last month, the Peebler PSP Research Foundation has been sponsoring an extraordinary new project called PSP Genetics Consortium. We are underwriting a project to search the entire genome for genes related to PSP. This result of the million-dollar study will help identify new therapeutic potential. In this past year, new technology has become available in the form of gene chips that permit fast testing of individual blood samples for thousands of genetic markers that cover every known gene. The cost is \$600-\$700 a piece to get adequate statistical information. This is the most ambitious and potentially the most important research project the search for a cure for PSP has ever undertaken. This is made possible by you and your support. It is important to know the role you have played. I will just help keep pushing to get these scientific doors open.

On a personal level, I continue to show some deterioration, so they have put me back on steroids. They are still deciding what to do about IVIG treatments. Once a week, I continue my throat electric massage and that does seem to help. I keep up trying to stay in good shape. I am not losing weight, but building muscle strength.

We love you and remember what you have helped to start!

Chuck