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Hi [Name],

I would like to put something out there for you and the crew coming on Nov 2 to consider. If you are game, I would like to invite everyone over to my house for dinner and drinks that evening.

My primary motivation is that this is the last time that I will see everyone for some time and so November 2 represents my last opportunity to (1) ask each of you on a 1-on-1 basis your impressions of whether or not you notice any changes since receiving the vaccine and (2) coach the 1st timers who are returning on potential changes to let me know about by e-mail or text messages moving forward. Getting together at a restaurant afterwards is great for the group exchange, but does not lend itself to these more private conversations. While the injection site reaction pictures are a critical piece of data, moving forward I will be dependent on follow-up e-mails if I am going to have any sense of whether or not the HSV-2 vaccine has helped, and I think a more private venue on Saturday night might help that cause.

A second motivation is that I have a friend coming over from Australia who is in science communication, and he is coming over to help me put together a couple of videos on the HSV-2 vaccine work. This has nothing to do with you guys, as it would be suicide for me to admit on camera what we are doing here; rather, my Australian friend [Name] has agreed to (1) videotape the seminar I give when I go to universities as a guest speaker to distill the science of why a live HSV-2 vaccine is a good idea; and (2) [Name] wants to put together a follow-up piece relative to two earlier radio interviews he has done with me on the HSV-2 vaccine which were aired on a radio science show in Sydney known as "Diffusion Radio."

It so happens that [Name] made his plans independent of me and booked his arrival in the U.S. to coincide with my return from my vaccine meeting in Spain. He arrives in Chicago on October 31, and asked me about taking the train down to Springfield on Saturday November 2. What I have told him so far is that I am unavailable on November 2, and he will have to hang out in Chicago for an extra day until I am free on November 3. I obviously feel kind of crappy about this, as he is traveling from half-way across the world to do a favor for me.
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If it is OK with the group, I could tell [redacted] what is going on, let him come when he initially requested (early afternoon on November 2), and he and my wife would be present at our group dinner / get-together at my house on Saturday evening after we are done with the main business of the vaccinations, which we can take care of per our usual protocol at the hotel.

If anyone in the group is uncomfortable with this, then please let me know and we can stick with the usual game plan where I am the only outside person in the mix. However, my wife and [redacted] are both pretty benign people, so I would anticipate that they would blend in provided that everyone in group is comfortable with 2 more people. No rush on a response to this request. If you can just let me know by Saturday Oct 26, then I can plan accordingly.

Thanks for considering this,
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