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Dear Carol:

Thanks for your kind note. I, too, enjoyed meeting you during our plane ride to Orlando and hope to get to know you better in the future. I will try to get on your calendar sometime soon and bring along some of our leadership. Perhaps Don Riggin will join us so that two old friends can visit awhile.

I conveyed your regards and may have embarrassed him a bit by repeating the "Daddy Don" bus story you shared. Despite it, however, he asked that I send you his best regards if I'm in contact, so I'll do so here.

I look forward to seeing you again soon and have enclosed some of our publications to help you get better acquainted with our umbrella association, its membership, and some of our issues. If there is any reason you'd wish to contact me earlier, please do hesitate to call for we have many mutual interests.

With kindest regards,

Joseph C. Isaacs
President

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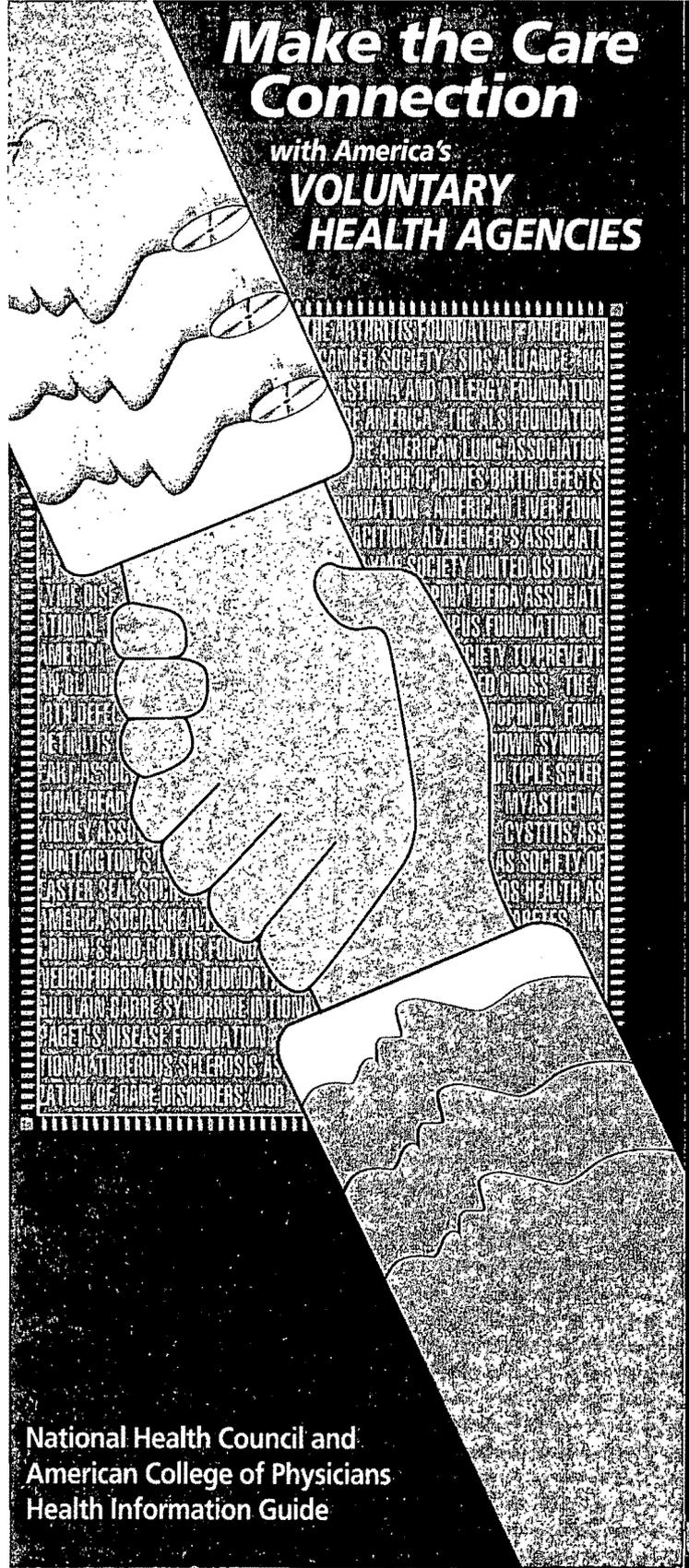
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INVEST IN AMERICA'S HEALTH

AMERICA NEEDS MEDICAL RESEARCH MORE THAN EVER

Medical research saves lives, saves money and creates jobs. Yet, the nation is not adequately nurturing the continued development of one of its most important national treasures. Currently, the United States devotes less than 2 percent of total health care spending to the study of disease and disabilities.

The private sector is doing its part. America's pharmaceutical companies, the biotechnology sector and other private enterprises have aggressively increased their research and development (R&D) investment—reaching \$15.6 billion in 1993. In addition, America's voluntary health agencies contributed \$447 million to biomedical research endeavors. The federal government, by contrast, spent only \$12 billion out of a total 1993 federal health care budget of \$290 billion.

Developments in recent decades put us on the forefront of one of the most fruitful eras of biomedical research. The government's failure to keep up the pace in funding medical research means new knowledge about biology and disease will be generated more slowly, future cures may go undiscovered and innovative treatments remain undeveloped, particularly for rare diseases. Likewise, the amazing cost savings created by medical research remain unexploited. For example, the improved Hemophilus Influenza type B (Hib) vaccine saves \$359.3 million annually for every group of children vaccinated. In contrast, the research cost only \$17.4 million.

Remember, medical discovery is largely dependent on the fruits of government-funded basic research. Fundamental knowledge about biology and disease is the raw material for industry's discovery research that lead to new cures and treatments. Only the federal government can realistically fund large-scale basic research projects and provide a positive public policy environment for industry to carry out the high-risk R&D needed to transfer research results to patient care.

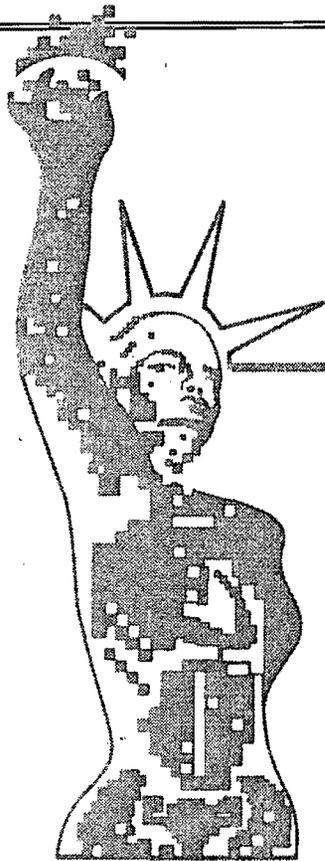


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