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### DISCUSSION

DR. JOSEPH MURRAY (Boston): Dr. Reemtsma's persistence in the study of heterotransplantation, although as yet not of clinical usefulness, has opened up this phase of transplantation biology for further experimental investigation. None of us one year ago would have guessed that any primate graft would have survived for 12 weeks. Certainly no one would have expected that any would have had a reversal of a rejection process, as has been so beautifully demonstrated by Dr. Reemtsma.

Primate grafts may in the future serve as a potential source of donor organs, and this possibility alone warrants further laboratory study in their use.

It is a tribute to Dr. Reemtsma's group that

their initial failure did not dissuade them, as it has so many others in the past 50 years. Their persistence reflects an open-minded attitude so necessary for the accumulation of valid scientific data.

Dr. Reemtsma mentioned that we have established a registry of human kidney homotransplants under the aegis of the National Research Council and with the help of the Public Health Service. This registry is open to everybody performing or contemplating human kidney homotransplantation. We will send data sheets to anyone requesting them. All data will be tabulated, processed, and programmed on a semi-annual basis, and published in the journal *Transplantation* and all information will be available on request to all at any time.