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June 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOE PERSICO
FROM: RON NESSON

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me your article on the great 1918 flu epidemic from "American Heritage."

This will provide me with extremely useful background material when, as you suggest, I start receiving skeptical questions about why everyone needs a flu shot this year.
Dear,

Since the flu vaccination project is edging into the area of controversy, this piece might serve as a chilling reminder of what happened when the country had no such defense.

I wrote it as a busman's holiday from my chores as the U.S. speechwriter.

Joe Biden