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I have been invited (I'm afraid by error !) to the International Congress of Historical Sciences in Madrid. I have therefore written (my error, in this case !) the enclosed paper, which may be considered by friends as an index or a research project, and by professional historians as an undue intrusion.

My only extenuating circumstance is the sensation that the coming 5th Centenary of 1492 will be, also in the field of health, an opportunity both for nationalistic and rhetoric celebrations, and for useful researches and discussions on the past (and on the future).

I am not favourable to publish this paper as it is. This first draft could be:

- a) thrown away;
- b) integrated with comments, criticism, contributions, and changed both in its parts and in its general ideas;
- c) used as an outline for some meeting, book, free discussion, friendly confrontation, or any other group activity in which, of course, you are cordially invited.

*Un abrazo*

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