**Book 8-Test2-Section 4**

I’ve been doing some research into what people in Britain think of doctors. The ones who work in general practice the first call for medical care. And comparing this with ~~a~~ the situations in a couple of other countries. I want to talk about the rationale behind what I decided to do.

Now I had to set up my program of research in three different countries. So I approached postgraduates in my field in overseas departments. Contacting them by email to organize things for me at ~~therend~~ their end. I thought what I have trouble ~~requiring~~ recruiting help. But in fact everyone was very ~~welling~~ willing and sometimes their tutors got involve too.

I had to give my helpers clear instructions about what kind of sample population I wanted them to use. I decided that people under 18 should be excluded because most of them are students or looking for their first job and also I decided at this stage just to focus on men who were ~~on~~ in employment and set up something for people who didn’t have jobs and for employed women later on as a separate investigation.

I specifically wanted to do questionnaire and interviews with a focus group. With a questionnaire rather than limiting it to one specific point I want to include as much variety as possible. I know questionnaires are a very controlled way to do things but I thought I could do ~~take~~ taped interviews later on to ~~contract~~ counteract the effects of this. And the focus~~ed~~ group may also prove useful in future by targeting subjects I can easily return to. As the participants tend to be more involve.

So I’m just ~~cladding~~ collating the results now. At the moment it looks as if in the UK despite~~s~~ the fact that newspapers continually report that people are unhappy with medical care. In fact it is mainly the third level of care which takes place in hospitals that they are worried about. Government reforms had been proposed ~~their~~ at all levels and although their success is not guaranteed, long term~~s~~ hospital care is in fact probably less of an issue than the media would have us believe~~d~~. However I’ve still ~~a lot of~~ got quite a bit of data to look at.

certainly I will need to do ~~far~~ more far-reaching research than I had anticipated in order to stablish if people want ~~to have~~ extra medical staff invested in the community or if they want care to revert to fewer but larger key medical units. The solution may well be something that can be easily implemented by those responsible in local government with central government support of course.

~~This~~ the first stage has proved very ~~variable~~ valuable though. I was surprised by how willing most of the subjects ~~words~~ were to get involved in the project. I had expected some unwillingness to answer questions honestly. But I was taken aback and rather concerned that something I thought I’d set up very well didn’t necessarily seem that way to everyone in my own department.

I thought you might also be interested in some of the problems I encountered in collecting my data. There were odd cases that ~~throw~~ threw me. One of the subjects who I had approached ~~well~~ while he was shopping in town. Decided to pull out when it came to the second round. It was a shame as ~~he~~ it was someone who I’d like to interviewed more closely.

And one of the first year students I interviewed wanted reassurance that no name would be traceable from the answers I was so surprised because they think nothing of telling you about themselves and their opinions in the seminar groups.

Then one other people that I work~~ed~~ with got a bit funny as the question were quit personal and one minute he said he’d do it. Then the next ~~stay~~ day he wouldn’t and in the end he did do it. It’s hard not to get angry in that situation but I tried to keep focused on the overall picture in order to stay calm.

The most bizarre case was the telephone interview I did was a teacher at a university in France. He answered all my questions in great details but then when I asked how much access he had to dangerous substances he wouldn’t tell me exactly what he was involved.