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If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1, \lambda \leq \frac{81}{2}$ then:

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) + \frac{\lambda}{ab + bc + ca} \geq 9 + \frac{\lambda}{3}$$

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$$\text{Let } (ab + bc + ca) = x \text{ then } \sum a = \sqrt{(\sum a)^2} \geq \sqrt{3 \sum ab} = \sqrt{3x}$$

Now we need to show:

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) + \frac{\lambda}{ab + bc + ca} \geq 9 + \frac{\lambda}{3} \text{ or,}$$

$$x\sqrt{3x} + \frac{\lambda}{x} \geq 9 + \frac{\lambda}{3} \text{ or,}$$

$$\sqrt{3}u^3 + \frac{\lambda}{u^2} \stackrel{x=u^2>0}{\geq} 9 + \frac{\lambda}{3} \text{ or, } 3\sqrt{3}u^5 - u^2(27 + \lambda) + 3\lambda \geq 0 \text{ or,}$$

$$(u - \sqrt{3})(3\sqrt{3}u^2(u^2 + \sqrt{3}u + 3) - (u + \sqrt{3})\lambda) \geq 0 \text{ or,}$$

$$(u - \sqrt{3}) \left(3\sqrt{3}u^2(u^2 + \sqrt{3}u + 3) - (u + \sqrt{3}) \frac{81}{2} \right) \stackrel{\lambda \leq \frac{81}{2}}{\geq} 0 \text{ or,}$$

$$(u - \sqrt{3})^2 (6\sqrt{3}u^3 + 36u^2 + 54\sqrt{3}u + 81) \geq 0 \text{ (True)}$$

Equality for $u = \sqrt{3}$ or $u^2 = x = ab + bc + ca = 3$ or $a = b = c = 1$