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SUBJECT: Berlin Manuscript

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With Dave Jacobs' help, I took on the enclosed discussion of discrepancies and controversy for the Berlin manuscript. It was well received, though, of course, it doesn't resolve anything.

If you find "nonsense," I'd like to hear about it. I didn't feel I should mention your 15 year analyses. It is some months from publication.

I hope that you, and we, can be prepared for the publicity you will receive on publication of "Cholesterol and 15 Year Mortality." If you have a statement prepared on the implications, I'd enjoy reading it so we might respond as nearly together as possible:

- 1) Implications for MDs advice for the individual patient
- 2) Implications to the diet-heart theory, of which you are considered the originator.
- 3) Implications for public policy in diet.

Please don't misinterpret again my asking for your opinion on implications for policy as "suppressing the evidence." It's just that we must be prepared for a rather profound reaction to this analysis by you, since you don't take up these implications in the presentation. Mann, Harper, Olson and company will have their greatest field day, just at the time when we're trying to get whole communities to change their eating pattern. Responsible interpretation by you, the source, is essential to public health policy. Thanks.

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