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Dear Doctor Ebert:

This note is a formal affirmation of conversational comments regarding Henry Blackburn, namely that I think that his continued presence at the University would be a tremendous asset. If you were of like mind, I wonder whether you could inquire about the plans that are resolving for the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene.

I expect that I might have to obtain funds to endow a Chair of Preventive Cardiology and if there was enthusiasm for it, I would investigate the estimates of the cost of the operation. I think that Henry has a fine mind and could advise and conduct studies of a high level of excellence in the general areas of clinical trials, preventive medicine and rehabilitation. I expect also that he would have to be in the School of Public Health.

Sincerely,

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