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Dear Don,

We enjoyed the visit of you and Ken and Jess and look forward to thinking about your undertakings.

I believe we defined the following problems to which we hope to contribute in the next period from our own explorations.

- 1) The long-term vs. short-term prediction validity of the multivariate regression equations, utilizing cardiovascular risk variables applied to death from all causes.
- 2) Application of these risk functions to individuals beyond age 65.
- 3) Further exploration of the relevance of blood cholesterol measurements to prediction of all cause death.
- 4) Further explorations of the independent role of family history, or the potential of using family history as an independent variable in place of, for example, blood cholesterol values.
- 5) Further exploration of the relationship of ECG findings in various patient categories, to all cause death.
- 6) Attempts to explain the absence of serum cholesterol effect on mortality by closer study of the relationship of serum cholesterol by non-coronary deaths.

I'm not sure how much actual research we'll be able to carry out here in these areas but will do what we can and contribute our thoughts on the others.

Cordially,

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