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Dear George,

I am writing that famous chapter for Levy's book as originally "assigned" to you and have just finished reading in detail the American Health Foundation Report that you authored in 1972. I would be grateful for your leading me to sources of the evidence for two statements below:

"3. Determine why some subjects on fat controlled diets do not exhibit a decrease in serum cholesterol levels." (We are systematically looking for non-response in metabolic ward situations and don't think we can document it.)

"4. Determine why certain populations consuming high saturated fat diets have low serum cholesterol levels." (Other than the Masai, which?)

Could you just drop me a brief line documenting your experience of non-responders which I am attempting to document in detail for our own purposes and for MRFIT.

I hope you were generally pleased with the outcome of the Executive Committee and Steering Committee meetings in Bethesda. I thought it went quite well.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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P.S. Incidentally, I thought that the American Health Foundation Report was a splendid and pioneering one.

P.P.S. I should be delighted to have the final edition of your medical school nutrition curriculum when it's available. Please bill us for the cost.