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Dear Lee:

At annual intervals the last three or four years I have entertained the desire to get away for a period of writing and planning. You have always been sympathetic with this without any formal application for quarterly leave. I have indicated that a full sabbatical is not in the picture because of the heavy load of responsibility and the need for hustling for support in our large operation.

I envisage a very intensive two year period to come in melding the teaching and research activities of the Epidemiology division. Thus, now is the time, due to a number of special stresses and administrative burdens the last couple of years, and wanting to avoid "burn-out," needing to complete some thoughtful things at an end of an era in my research and thinking, and the need to plan for the next five (ten) year period of the Division and our role in the School.

Specifically, academic activities planned are as follows:

- 1) Write up of literature research and my thinking on the diet and physical activity of early humans in a series of formal lectures suitable for publication.
- 2) Cleaning up some other writings such as on the electrocardiogram in prognosis.
- 3) Writing a series of editorials as follows:
Population (ecological) versus individual correlations, their contributions to understanding and controversy.
- 4) The shape of the cholesterol-disease relationship.
- 5) Community-wide approaches to chronic disease prevention.

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6) Diet and public policy.

My tentative travel plans involve Laboratory business from November 14 to November 26 in Dallas for the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology. November 27 - December 10 for the U.S.-Japan and U.S.-Taiwan Health Treaties.

Mini-sabbatical from December 13 - February 11, Departments of Nutrition and Epidemiology, University of Sydney, Australia.

International Congress on Hypertension, Algiers, February 14-18.
International Congress on Physical Activity in Health in Stockholm, February 21-25. Return to Lab., February 26th. How does it sound?

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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P.S.: Administrative structures for the program and all research projects are in place, with a Deputy (Dr. Prineas), an Executive Faculty, and an Administrative Executive Committee (Prineas, Surbey, Newman).

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