

Tuesday, August 30, 1966

Kastelli, Corfu

Dear Ancel:

The tough Communist unions and the tougher Onasis have really squared off in the Olympic air strike that could last even until your arrival. Nelly and I found Athens in total confusion; no hotel reservations being honored, no plane or boat to Corfu. I finally obtained a battered Volkswagen from Hellescars at a reasonable rate and we drove the 700 kilometers to Igoumenitsa and the ferry to Corfu.

Having enjoyed our stay here in Corfu it is cut short at both ends as Nelly must now leave two days early on the only Athens boat available. The rush homeward makes air route changes impossible. The husband of Nelly's aunt, Fotio Muchas, is Corfu's leading oil wholesaler processing 10,000 kilos a day. I hope you will meet him. You can imagine the pleasure we have had sitting under the parasol pines in the cool breezes of mid-day after a swim, eating the most succulent olives and peasant bread dipped in the most delicate oil (of under 1 degree acidity).

Parties arrive one by one. George is here, and cleared Menotti and the ECG machines through customs yesterday. Tibblin arrived by auto last night, and Corcondolis by boat this morning. We met for coffee in our pleasant chateau, starting lively discussions. According to Andy, without Christ, we will have regular conferences. Incidentally, Tula is already in Chicago.

Best regards,

Henry

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returns tomorrow and we will have a little social evening with the group at Papagallos en Brodo.

See you soon-

Henry

p.s. I did not comment on your question about Holland. At this stage of our studies I realistically hope to regard myself as the indispensable person in the actual operation since I can embrace the ECG history physical, spiro and anthropometric procedures, and contribute to their reliability and comparability. I regard Pentti as equally versed in the ECG aspect. I hope the strange situation with the Dutch won't last long, but such is the case now. I think it is quite possible that as little as one week at the outset with teams otherwise interested and competent, would suffice for their training and breaking in, with myself present.

Dennis Kane has done a splendid job replacing me at Mutual Service and has promised me a decision immediately on my return. I think it is quite possible he would join us though on a part-time basis but not in time for June activities. I hope Henry Taylor would be able to set up this appointment in your absence if it works out.

The visit of Dalderup to Montegiorgio will be valuable as Todesco and Mohacek are making excellent progress these last days. If you could meet with us for a few hours on Sunday in Brussels to discuss the composition of her team, ECG and other apparatus, it would be worthwhile, and she should be supplied soon with examples of our forms.

In conclusion, my suggestions are: first alternative: send me for one week in June ; second, set aside 2 weeks for Hartel to work with me in Minneapolis and return home via Holland, if the dates coincide.

Regards,

HWB

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