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Dear John:

Jack Weston has been pressing us, as you know, to have a general meeting with the Mankato press, which we agreed to with some reluctance because of your absence on vacation. I think it went very well in their identification with Rick Swanson as the new Director. My role was to emphasize the scientific nature and design of the undertaking in Mankato. The reporters from all the press were young and intelligent, and I think they went away with a good taste in their mouths. We used Jack Weston as spokesman for the Community Advisory Board.

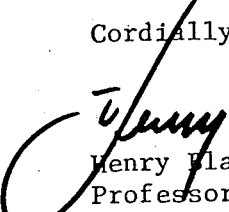
I hope you're as pleased as I am with the improving communications between our units, with the innovative work of the task forces of your Advisory Board, and with the administrative direction that Rick Swanson is taking. I also think our team here is beginning to hit its stride in improving communications with the Board and the community and making its deadlines better as a result of improved planning. This has been a difficult period for all of us and I am extremely grateful for your patience, tolerance and understanding. There was a general mood of the last Executive Committee meeting of satisfaction with progress, and I think past annoyances will be forgotten as we develop more confidence in each other from experience.

I am enclosing an effort of the cardiologists at the Fargo Clinic Medical Foundation for your interest. They have also recently contracted for the "Shape Program," a health promotion effort at the St. Louis Park Clinic.

I hope you had a good vacation down South. I had planned a 6-week mini-sabbatical near Orlando for March and April but cancelled it because of the very active period of our work with you and with other researches.

Please give me a call if you have any concerns. Here I'm pleased with the increasing satisfactions people are obtaining from our unique collaboration.

Cordially,


Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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cc: MHHP Board

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