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Dear Ivan,

We are having an unexpectedly serious (and I hope temporary) problem with a rash of calls from MRFIT subjects who want to drop out as a result of the Associated Press report on your study. I would be very grateful for a published statement in the local paper which will put this in perspective. Meanwhile, I think I would like to send your statement out in a letter to all participants if you could provide us one. Otherwise, I will provide a critique myself indicating the inapplicability of this study to the multiple risk problem. I hope you will be able to help us out on this and that you will be able to answer publicly the rather poor reporting of your presentation. The quotes of you are extremely difficult to deal with such as "there was not the slightest hint of benefit", "I still believe in the theory", and "why the men under 50 benefitted" is difficult to explain". They really did an axe job on you. Too bad.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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