

June 29, 1966

MEMO

To: Dr. Ivan D. Frantz

From: Henry Blackburn

We are prepared to code your baseline paper ECGs according to our usual criteria plus any reasonable number of added criteria or combinations of especial interest to you.

The final code will be the result of a duplicate reading and adjudication and will provide adequate information for your assessing hospital differences and screening a cardiovascular disease-free cohort if desired. See enclosed, somewhat more elaborate breakdown of cohorts we are attempting to use.

Average reading speed of our past technicians in predominantly "normal" records is 30 per hour which reduces to 10 per hour with triplicate reading system. Your job works out to about four months full time technician reading. Our costs represent this, plus a very expensive training school annually, taking two full weeks of my time, and preparation of thousands of training records, plus usual necessary overhead. Our estimates work out close to \$.50 per record and completion of your job by January 1. There is one possible alternative to speed up the reading by hiring our former best reader, for duplicate readings, after hours. We could conceivably move up the completion date to mid-November.

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I hope if any contact is made with the radiologist, Cyrus Hansen, <sup>Minneapolis</sup> you will make it personally and ask his advice on the availability of such readers. I would suggest that you train a student to make the heart measurements. We have entertained doing this but probably won't get to it this summer.

HB:nob  
Enclosure