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Dr. Ancel Keys
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Dear Ancel:

I appreciate your note of 3 July regarding wishes for data analyses in the Seven Countries data base and welcome the initiative. May I suggest that all such memos and "applications" for access to data be forwarded to Alessandro, as central coordinator and that we investigators serve as an informal editorial committee. Actually, I thought such a process was already established and such a panel formulated!

At any rate, I believe this would be preferable to your attempting to coordinate all data requests and publication reviews from Minneapolis or Pioppi. Menotti, I am sure, will see to it that all concerned have proper access to good quality data and that manuscripts are assigned to appropriate reviewers.

Here at Minnesota, Richard Crow, David Jacobs and I would anticipate access to long-term 7-Countries cohort data on the predictive value of Minnesota coded ECG items at rest and exercise, adjusted for other clinical and risk factor variables.

I would also like to put a doctoral student on some of the issues of change over time, that is, 1) associations of individual change on the two U.S. Railroad exams with later disease; and 2) ecologic correlations between time trends in average risk factors and CVD incidence in Seven Countries (in collaboration with other investigators).

Cordially,

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Dear Ancel:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Buskirk. It is excellent. We enjoyed seeing you and Margaret the other evening. Andy is off for a week, and I am off on Friday for 4 weeks. I can be reached easily through Nola for any particular needs, or for communications.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Henry Blackburn'.

Henry Blackburn, MD
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