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Dear Bill:

Intense political pressure is being applied by Senator Eagleton on the Secretary of HEW to stop distributing the HEW-USDA Dietary Guidelines pamphlet. This is apparently part of the organized effort of Al Harper of which we have seen other recent evidence in the NAS and elsewhere, and of the politicians and industry trying to unseat Senator McGovern. Mark Hegsted feels the need for high level American Heart and other scientific opinions to be expressed promptly about the usefulness and importance of their document entitled Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans, about its timeliness, its general thrust and reasonableness, and its agreement with the majority of scientific opinion in the Heart Association and outside. The letters should be addressed to Julius Richmond and to Senator Eagleton himself, and should come from as many high places as possible and as soon as possible.

I hope you can provide these needs in your usual forceful, rational prose.

Cordially,

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