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Dr. Francis Hall, Editor  
Assistant Director  
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National Meat and Livestock Board  
444 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Doctor Hall:

I feel compelled to indicate to you an extremely serious problem your office has in the editorial conclusions of Dr. William Sherman about the role of nutrition and blood lipids in atherosclerosis. Though his factual reports are generally adequate, his conclusions are usually grossly inaccurate and misleading.

Differences of opinion must, of course, be supported in the scientific field, but gross errors and inadequacies in interpretation are serious business.

I have forwarded Dr. Sherman's conclusions to the Executive Board of the Coronary Drug Project in case they wish to reply directly to the inaccuracies in his conclusions about that study.

Sincerely,

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Professor and Director

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