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Dear Dr. H. Blackburn:

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This guy is a fantastic  
worker & bright. Any  
source of support?  
Apply for  
MHA  
Grant,  
GRS?*

Thank you for your letter of July 6, 1976. It was nice to hear your international leading activities in the field of cardiovascular diseases from Prof. Okada. He is quite eager to help me in many aspects of my research works in the Department of Preventive Medicine, and supports my desire to study abroad the epidemiology of cerebro- and cardio-vascular diseases, especially in the United States again. But I have hesitated to write to you, because you told us frequently the shortage of research grant in these years.

As you know, I was not oriented to study the epidemiology of cardiovascular diseases during my previous stay in your Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene. After returned to Japan, I decided to move to the Department of Preventive Medicine from the First Department of Internal Medicine in my University, and engaged in the epidemiological study of cerebrovascular diseases. The movement might be due to the influence of Dr. Ancel Keys and your active epidemiological works in the Stadium Gate 27. I am afraid, however, that my contribution in your Laboratory was not satisfactory for me too. So I have thought that if I have another chance, I would like to pay off even some of the debt as far as possible.

Recently, I am quite interested in the remarkable change of trend in the morbidity and mortality of cerebrovascular diseases and in the sharp increase of typical and untypical ischemic heart diseases along with grade-up of economic life in Japan. The change of economic life caused the drastic improvement, I might say at the moment, of dietetic life with decreased physical

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of cerebro- or cardio-vascular diseases would not be so difficult everywhere in the world.

If you can help me to study in the United States for one or two years, I will be very happy. As you know, I have little experience of biochemical analysis or psychosocial aspect of the diseases, but have some skill in medical electronics, computer programming, multivariate analysis of medical data, and clinical experience mainly in the field of cardiology.

I am going to apply to the travel grant, including stay expence, by National Department of Education for the next year, but the chance to get the grant is scarce even with laborious action by Prof. K. Aoki who is the new chief in my Department. Anyway, I would like to have your letter of assurance that you will accept me as a research fellow in your Laboratory when I can get the Japanese grant successfully. May I ask you the letter?

As the possibility to get the grant is not high, I would like to ask your recommendation in order to get my stay and/or travel expence from the United States grant. My schedule of this and the next year is flexible at the moment, for my research and educational activities could be supported by colleagues in my Department during my absence.

Thank you again for your letter.

Looking forward to hear from you, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,



HIROSHI HORIBE, M.D.