From Dr. Blackburn, Geneva Received 1/12/71

Dear Ancel:

Things are very hectic here. George Lamm and I have more or less agreed that I could help him more by an extended visit to discuss analyses, in the late spring. What do you think? I will contact Menotti to see what he plans, and would appreciate a night letter from you if you feel it essential that I be present the first days. It is my impression that Menotti would be better from the methodology standpoint at that stage of the study. My work is suffering from travels, plus others coming up.

I plan to be in San Diego/to spend the second week of March at the lab in Minnesota, sort of gambling on the small chance that the site visit will be at that time, I must say that I admire HLT's persistence in protocol writing these years, and have not given him enough support. But I am more or less in line with you that we should be retrenching with smaller studies and grants, and wait for them to ask us to do the big ones. Diet-Heart will be decided soon. See the Fishman letter enclosed.

Would you consider a stopover in Geneva en route to Budapest? I am back alone in Geneva, Nelly and the girls are still in a little chalet we took for the holidays in Valais. We had the only sunny weather in Europe, and skied on spring snow and grassy banks, tried some fondues and raclettes (awful), and some Dole wing (less awful).

Thanks for the useful memoranda.

Regards.

Henry B.