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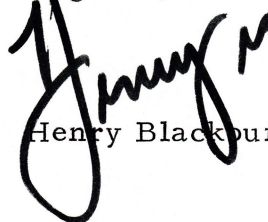
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Dear Ancel:

It looks as if Menotti and I are both in a bind, he with three exams coming up but their dates not set, and I just beginning to get programs under way, and all sorts of diversions here. In addition there are visits I accepted to make last fall, and I have much responsibility for European Heart Week, planning and appearing in TV shows, now to 21 February, plus several WHO and ISC conferences. I have also planned to be in the states the first two weeks in March, but may have to cancel this. You won't be there, of course, I had hoped Menotti could be here for a few days the first of March to kick off a population study in the Jura. I am committed to providing the medical exams and may not find the local help. So the Budapest trip looks increasingly difficult. Really sorry.

Other than the correlations between the number of CHD cases per 100 versus absolute cholesterol level have you compiled all new infarct cases for all areas with regard to absolute and deciled values of serum cholesterol? Would it be worthwhile to look at?

Regards,



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