July 11, 1973 Professor Ancel Keys "Minnelea" Pioppi (Salerno) 84060 Italy Dear Ancel:

The reasons for no action on the international cholesterols are not entirely clear to me. I suspect that the Chem Lab has just not been at its work and has not been much supervised. Also there is a policy to put all "contract" Chem. Lab monies into the "slush fund" started by you (balance \$10,926.00) and not in the hiring of people possibly needed for the jobs. I think we might consider applying some of those monies largely accumulated under you, to your analytical needs in the next period.

I guess we will always be plagued with the boom and bust and deadline mentality, but I'm trying to get things on a plane in which nothing stops entirely and is neglected, in any area. We'll see.

A bientot,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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