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Dear Henry:

On return from Cerromar, I received your letter of January 4, and appreciate your comments and suggestions on the manuscript. You may have noticed in the presentation that the points you had some reservations about were the same ones I found easiest to omit in editing for brevity. I'll have to do a little tidying up of the galleys as well when the time comes. Very possibly the "historionomer" can be dropped there also without serious loss.

There wasn't sufficient time in preparation of this manuscript to delve into the fairly long-term secular trends in mortality which Stony has synthesized in a characteristically imaginative way. Under whatever circumstances develop in the near future, it should be possible to get at this and I'd very much enjoy talking with you about it.

I noted some time ago a message from your office that a medical student, Doug Thoresen, would be visiting here. If he made it, I missed him completely. If he didn't, I'd be happy to visit with him on another occasion.

It was good to see you in Puerto Rico and the New York meeting should be most pleasant also. I am enclosing a copy of the abstract which, for this sort of presentation, is unavoidably vague. The manuscript will probably be available in early draft almost on schedule and I'll send it along as soon as it's off the typewriter.

With very best regards,

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