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Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram which I composed and sent jointly with Jack Farquhar and Mickey Stunkard for the Kennedy hearings on prevention. I do not necessarily share the idea that an Institute devoted to preventive research is appropriate, but simply suggest it as one alternative to a difficult problem that you and we have in instigating prevention researches and that you are having to defend them. In fact, I would much prefer an integrated approach in which each Institute would have prevention as a very normal part of its program. I do think that soon, however, we ought to get away from this awful knocking of heads between clinicians, bench researchers and preventive medicine people when certain angles of the triangle are unwilling to take a broader view of balanced research needs. It is unlikely that there will always be people who develop the vision and Ted Cooper have in these regards.

~~Very~~ *you*
Cordially,

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