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Henry Blackburn, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 31 and your continued interest in my career decisions.

I have recently concluded, after considerable thought, that it would be wise for me to remain in Boston until June '76 to do a summer of work in pediatric cardiology at Children's Hospital and to complete a masters program in epidemiology. I feel that this formal training will help to fill a major gap in my education.

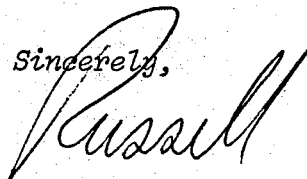
I continue to be very interested and impressed with your work and in the opportunities in Minneapolis for pursuing my interests. However, I still do not know what I will finally decide as to where to settle after June 1976.

I continue to be interested in visiting Minneapolis with my wife, but am not certain whether to do this during the next few months or wait until next year.

I do plan to attend the cardiovascular epidemiology meeting in Tampa and the seminar in Miami.

Thank you again for your letter and I hope to maintain discussion and contact with you.

Sincerely,



Russell V. Luepker, M.D.



A Teaching Hospital
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February 3, 1975

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J. We will have to have Kathy read to me all letters until she gets perfect.
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Dear Russ:

We were interested to hear that you plan to stay longer at Harvard and are delighted that things are appealing there for you. We will continue to lay the groundwork for creating a position here for you in the future if your directions should change westward in the course course of the next year. As you know ^{ev} everyone on the staff and everyone at Minnesota you met was highly impressed ~~and~~ as I was, with your visit. I can tell you quite confidentially, and quietly, that your combined talents and calm judgement and interests make you, above all candidates here and elsewhere that we have encountered, someone I would like to lean on as Assistant Director of this Laboratory with the potential for assuming its direction in a reasonable period.

So we want to let you know that this is the impression that we have of your ^{potential} potential, and that we will remain open and receptive to your further evidences of interest.

You should be informed that we are beginning in a very serious way to develop our plans in the community concerning young people, and I'm enclosing for your information a recently prepared grant. For the sake of propriety and courtesy to its authors, it might be better, Russ, if you simply destroyed it after reading it. We would of course, welcome you comments and criticisms on this application. It would be great if you were here to assume direction of these projects, because we are not adequately staffed to handle them at the moment but we have ^{two} fine new fellows coming on, Dr. DeBacker from Belgium, and Dr. Grimm, from Cornell, and should have a brisk and productive summer ^{and} all ahead getting these projects underway. Continuing in the same vein, with very good solid connections with the Directors of School Nutrition and Health in the Twin Cities in another major application having to do with serum lipids and eating behavior among school children.

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Keep in touch and come see us.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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