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Dear Professor Blackburn,

It is a great pleasure for me being able to send you a copy of my thesis. As you will see the time spent in Boston was fruitful. In September we will get a full-time statistician for our epidemiological cardiological activities and then also the elegant Boston COPS-4 interactive computer program for multiple regression and discriminant analyses will be made available. During my four months' stay in Boston I could be an "auditor" to a course in biostatistics and a course in epidemiology given for students for the degree of M.P.H.

As you suggested to me, I visited Dr. Lown and Dr. Dalen. Both visits were valuable to me: the stimulating discussion with Dr. Lown and the information on the "Mr Fit Study" by Dr. Dalen.

It was something disappointing for me to see, that in Boston (in many respects a Mecca for cardiologists) a unit for preventive cardiology connected to a University Hospital (as in Göteborg) did not exist. Some impressive projects were in progress, but continuity was not guaranteed by an institution. In Groningen it is also still uncertain, whether it will be possible to start a unit for preventive cardiology as part of the cardiological department. At this stage it is difficult to make plans on further epidemiological education. I hope more clarity will come within a few months.

Yours sincerely,

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Thanks for your good letter +
solid thesis which I am looking
into at intervals. Cordially,
JF

cc Progress if not sent
earlier.