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Dear Henry:

Attached is a copy of notes I have prepared during our visit in Geneva. I have made copies of these notes available to Tomi, Bill and Paul. Please review the enclosed notes and let me know if there are any corrections or additions you wish to make.

As I indicated in my notes I found our meeting pleasant and useful. I hope that we will be able to pursue some of the ideas we discussed with regard to the development of a committee for the evaluation of natural history of cardiovascular disease.

Tomi will be going to San Diego to attend the meetings there. We have received permission from Eleanor Darby to cover his travel expenses out of our budget.

I discussed meeting dates with Tomi on my return, and he indicated that dates around May 10 would be quite acceptable so far as he is concerned. He has also indicated that anytime during the week of April 26 would be quite acceptable.

In view of your letter of February 21, I am sorry I decided to forego the Paris trip. The next time I get to Europe I will make it a point to pay Dr. Schwartz a visit. I had toyed, as you know, with the idea of coming to Paris on Thursday. However, I decided against that after a very pleasant day in the mountains with Arved Weisswange. He was kind enough, as I indicated in my note to you and Nelly, to take me for a day tour of the Swiss countryside. He was an extremely pleasant host. I am very impressed with him. In retrospect it was too bad that we didn't give Dr. Pometta more advance notice on my trip. Had there been more time it would have been useful to arrange for a more formal presentation of the UGDP results to his group.

Dr. Pometta expressed a desire for me to attend the Basal meetings of the Swiss Diabetes Association on Saturday, February 20,

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1971. However, I declined because I had to get back home and because the program really did not cover a discussion of the sulfonylurea compounds.

As I indicated in my penciled note, I was delighted to have had a chance to meet and talk with Ancel Keygs. I think there is much to be gained from an attempt to make analyses in the CDP comparable to some of those which you and Ancel have been doing in your work. Since my return Dr. Rick Shekelle has paid us a visit and we have had a chance to discuss some of the analyses he is doing on Pooling Project data.

Thanks again for all the efforts you made on my behalf to make my stay in Switzerland a pleasant one.

Sincerely,

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