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Dear Henry:

I am at last replying to your letter of October 7 relating to the presentation by Warren Winkelstein on "Epidemiological Observations on Intervention Trials for Prevention of CHD".

I am not surprised that there is this kind of criticism as when we were deliberating on the Task Force some members of the Committee were similarly exercised about the diversion of funds into epidemiology. What is surprising is that he chose to present this to a Society for Epidemiological Research.

In general, I tend to be relaxed about this type of criticism. It probably help us do a good job to have some people looking on who say that we are doing it all wrong. However, I do agree with you that a letter to the Editor of the Journal of Epidemiology would be in order.

I suspect the best one to do this might be Mark Kjelsberg, working with Tavia Gordon. I believe such a letter should particularly stress that the current emphasis on epidemiological research has only come after several decades of intensive laboratory and clinical investigation, decades in which epidemiological research has received only minimal support.

Sincerely,

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