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Dear Mike;

Well, I will say my little piece tomorrow for the FTC-Egg hearing in Washington.

I would be interested to know eventually what the gist of the new diet-heart statement will be from G. Schaper's group of cardiologists in the United Kingdom and wonder if you will have that information by the time you testify.

I would also be interested to know some day what influenced the United Kingdom diet-heart commission on which you sat to be so "food-specific" in mentioning the absence of "evidence which relates the number of eggs consumed to risk of I.H.D." Why eggs, and why not any or all other individual food items, about which there is no evidence, because no one would be likely to try to study one food item from out of the total diet or one possible risk factor among multiple factors! Isn't such evidence largely unobtainable for any specific food item? I would dearly like to know what science or politics led to this egg-specific statement.

I will be sounding off at Barry Lewis' meeting on June 10, in London.

Cordially,

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*Signed & sent  
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