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Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your excellent, forthright handling of the diet, fat and heart disease issue from the Intersociety Commission Report (Newsweek International Edition, 28 December, 1970).

You managed to touch on the crucial points of the necessity of prevention (modern therapeutic medicine's gadgets and pills are great but only palliative) and the necessity of research and controlled studies (we would still be battling TBC and Polio without these).

You also managed to tweak the establishment from the food and tobacco industry, to the FDA, to NIH, which have at best been on dead center for years on the vital issue of heart attack prevention.

Sincerely,

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