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Dear Lysle:

It was good to have your relaxed visit in Geneva. You tolerated a noisy lunch, a blistering walk, and a vertiginous climb, avec a la fois un grand elan et du sang froid. I hope your trip was worthwhile.

We will keep in mind your invitation for ideas on the International Society, as well as appreciating your good efforts in its behalf. Would you think about an editorial for Charlie Friedberg on the importance, the necessity, of international communications in cardiology? I refer you to Bill Sodeman's little piece in the President's corner of the Am. J. of Cardiology (about January 1971) which was perceptive.

I have asked my Minneapolis secretary to send you soon a copy of a table or two from our CDP data. It is by no means earthshaking, but the problem, as you appreciate, is that these data belong to a hundred people and not to me, though I have responsibility for developing them. Consequently, the reference should be very specific, as below, and I will send details and a completed manuscript when available. More practical displays are obviously required, giving individual probabilities of sudden death, sensitivity-specificity, etc. I am sure you have seen Chadwick's interesting Technical Report on models for prediction, from the Stanford Research Institute.

Cordially,

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Reference: Report of the Coronary Drug Project Research Group. Prepared by Henry Blackburn and Suketami Tominaga.

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