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Dear Henry,

I have been writing to Geoffrey Rose recently regarding the blood pressure tape training system which he and Ron Prineas developed some years ago. He said that you and Ron were now producing a new and doubtless much improved version in collaboration with a commercial company (Humetrics Corporation). I was wondering if you could let me know how I might go about obtaining a copy of this once it is available. We have access to some limited U.S. funds that could be used for this. As I write this I realise that I have not written to you to congratulate you on taking over the position of Chairman from Ancel. I therefore have great pleasure in offering you my belated congratulations and hope that the job is proving as interesting and exciting as you would wish for. I hope that there is still time for some music.

We seem to be busy, with the Tokelau Island Migrant Study as one of our major activities. It is progressing well and we are starting to analyse some of the ongoing data. We have a good team now including a first class biostatistician, so things are moving well. The total study sample now is around 3,600 including children, with 2,000 living within New Zealand and 1600 on their home islands. We are following the two groups and will be examining those in New Zealand again - on a three yearly cycle - in 1975/76, and returning to the islands, to examine those who have remained, in 1976. This will be five years after we were last there, but the logistics are such that we simply could not fit it in before this. The changes in the two groups of people, however, under their very different environments will I think bring forward valuable information, particularly as we have got a good social anthropological team working with us and are seeking to test certain hypotheses relating to the process of migration and adaptation. The geneological file is now complete, so that we can look at different variables in people with different degrees of blood relationship.

I guess you are involved with some of the intervention studies, and will look forward to hearing from you in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ian Prior
Director.