

March 8, 1974

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Dear Geoff:

Could we beg, borrow, steal or buy about 50 reprints of the colon cancer article?

We enjoyed seeing Donald who played his role bombastically and well.

MRFIT goes very well so far.

Regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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Dear Henry,

It was nice of you to send me a copy of your paper on intensive exercise after M.I. I think it is both excellent and timely.

Is Lars Wilhelmsen able to chase those 25% who never got started on the exercise regime in his trial? It would strengthen his findings if he could include data on their fats. I infer from what you say that even if this could be done, and even if further follow-up were to strengthen the earlier findings, you would still feel that another trial should be mounted. This seems to me to be eminently reasonable: there is too much at stake for the final verdict to rest on a single study. Furthermore, since there now seems no hope of a controlled trial in primary prevention, we depend largely on the outcome of trials in secondary prevention in order to advance our knowledge of physical inactivity as a cause of CHD. It seems to me that negative outcomes in secondary prevention would in no way disprove the causal hypothesis, but that a positive outcome would give it strong support.

I hear rumours that MRFIT is in good health. Our trial is now beginning to produce incidence data. It is good to see that the machine actually makes sausages, even though they can currently only be seen through a magnifying glass.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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2nd July, 1974

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Handwritten notes:
yc R.P.
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Dear Henry,

I feel that some designation such as "Your Reverence" might be more appropriate! Anyway I should like to congratulate you on climbing another lofty peak in your interesting career. Not many people reach distinction in science, arts and the church. I should like to have heard you.

I have only just arrived back today from holiday and will try to reply to Siegfried Heyden as soon as possible, and will send you a copy.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Rose



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Dear Henry

Thanks for your letter about the authorship of the 2nd edition of the WHO Monograph. It rearouses all my old embarrassment concerning the authorship of the 1st edition. I never understood how it came about that in a work where you took most of the initiatives and undertook the majority of the labour and responsibility, some unseen powers succeeded in getting us in the wrong order. If you would like this injustice now to be redressed, then my conscience would be quieter. It may be, however, that I have to accept this as a regrettable but historical fact. Certainly Gill~~um~~ and Prineas should have recognition for their work in the 2nd edition, by being included in the authorship. If you feel that G and P is more appropriate than P and G, I shall be entirely happy to accept your judgement.

Yours sincerely

Geoffrey Rose

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April 2, 1976

James Dalen, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Dalen:

This letter is in recommendation for the joint appointments of Dr. David Spodick in your institution. I regard David Spodick as one of the handful of physicians distinguished by thoroughgoing clinical training and awareness, sound investigative skills, innovative approaches to modern medicine and courageous and dispassionate views on the medical scene. This combination of skills and philosophy is greatly needed. Dr. Spodick has, with great good humor and directness, exposed effectively many abuses in the medical system and punctured cherished if overblown balloons. He is a stimulating teacher and should greatly strengthen and elevate any institution with which he is associated. It is a pleasure to recommend him to you.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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March 29, 1976

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Dear Henry:

This is to ask a favor, which I hope you can provide without any pangs of conscience. I need a letter of recommendation for an upcoming appointment to a dual professorship, Prof of Cardiovascular Medicine and Prof of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. I understand that it is a formality, but I am looking for the most distinguished backing nonetheless. The letter should be addressed:

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With thanks and best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

David

David H. Spodick, M.D., D.Sc.

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