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Dear Dr. Ross:

All here were shocked by the untimely death of Charles Friedberg, and I'm sure it has created an acute problem for you.

I might suggest to you in confidence, that Howard Burchell will soon be replaced as Head of Cardiology here, at his request and is looking for new challenges. Having worked three years with him as Associated Editor of Circulation, I can assure you of his great devotion to this work. I would be willing to bet that he would entertain an offer to resume the editorial function if you invited it, but I have not spoken of this with him.

I happen to be sympathetic with the role he envisioned for Circulation and admired the scholarship, efficiency and tact he brought to the editorship. I realize that considerations of wider appeal and circulation may have resulted in Friedberg's appointment, but I would certainly think that Howard might be on your list of new candidates.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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