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Dear Henry,

Mea culpa! I too let the distressing letter from George Mann pass across my desk in relatively routine fashion, and let the editors down at Cardiovascular Reviews and Reports get it into print without realizing what it said. As I'm sure you realize, some of my letters on behalf of the Journal are written by others, and the "editorial excitement and delight" whereof you speak was not my phraseology.

As I'm sure you know, I personally am very much on your side, and speak almost as often as you do around the country on the importance of the diet-heart relationship. Furthermore, I'm sure you've seen several editor's critiques, my monthly column in the Journal, in which I have taken every opportunity to remind the general medical public about the views of the majority of the scientific community, very much led by you. I rather doubt that Dr. Mann's letter really was terribly damaging, but I do apologize for any unpleasantness. I also agree that any reply from you at this date would likely be counterproductive, although the pages of our Journal are open to you at any time - and that offer is not just perfunctory, but based upon my feeling and that of the other members of the editorial board for your ideas and work.

Please do accept my apology and rest assured that you remain the trumpeter at the head of my column!

Sincerely yours,

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