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Dear Otto:

Sorry I could not stay longer in Hannover. I said yes to too many people to really enjoy my last weeks in Europe.

I was also sorry you missed my presentation on the prognostic importance of the ECG following infarction. We have some very interesting data in this regard, and I would welcome your criticism and comments about it. The enclosed is the property of the entire Coronary Drug Project, so cannot yet be quoted.

One of your comments suggested that epidemiology should be involved with the importance of responses and changes, with which I quite agree, and there is a good deal of activity in this respect.

Interestingly, I know of few analyses which indicate that variations, variously expressed, are more effective predictors than the static values we have been dealing with, and I am at a loss to explain this.

I enclose also a very limited and primitive approach to the question of Serial ECG Changes, about which of course I would be most grateful for commentary. In this select group the correlation between change and absolute values is such that change contributes little to improved discrimination.

Cordially,

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