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Dear Dr. Schneckloth:

Please excuse my tardy reply to your 12 February letter and its very fine invitation. As Len Cook has told you, I am sure, we discussed by telephone last month the matter of my commitments to AHA, in that I was to be nominated as chairman of the Council on Epidemiology at the annual meeting of that council. We had planned to discuss this matter together in San Diego, but I was obliged to cancel my trip there at the last moment.

So the matter now stands that I was elected chairman of that council which will entail considerable responsibility to the Heart Association. Though the Research Committee position is one closer to my interests and perhaps to my competence, I believe that I should devote major effort on my return next fall to the Epidemiology Council itself.

I sent along to Len Cook a list of names which Joe Doyle may want to consider with you to represent our Council on the Research Committee. Surely he has already someone else in mind for this important position. Meanwhile, I am grateful for your, Dr. Doyle's, and Dr. Rapaport's confidence in extending me the invitation.

Cordially,

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Dictated from Geneva

c.c. Drs. Doyle, Epstein, Taylor, Keys,  
Burchell, Ebert, Stanflier, Vernier