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October 20, 1972

Dr. Henry Blackburn
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

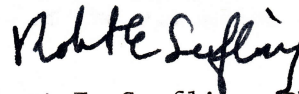
On behalf of the Search Committee for the selection of a Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology-Biostatistics, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, I am pleased to inform you that your name has been placed in nomination for consideration.

Should you wish to be considered for this position, the Search Committee, composed of members of the faculties of the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, requests that you make available a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees. In the curriculum vitae, please include a resume' of your teaching experience and participation on professional committees, both within and outside your institution.

Your response by November 6 would be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Robert E. Serfling, Ph.D.
Chairman, Search Committee

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bcc: Dr. George Burch

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November 10, 1972

Robert E. Serfling, Ph.D.
Chairman, Search Committee
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Dear Dr. Serfling:

I have just returned from travels to find your good letter of October 20, and am honored indeed to have been nominated to head the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Tulane. It is especially pleasing to be considered for a position by one's alma mater.

The possibility arrives just a little too late for me to give it the consideration I would like to. I recently accepted the directorship of this laboratory and have obtained major support and new staff and responsibilities which could not now be abandoned in good conscience.

I had recently thought nostalgically about a spring quarter visiting lectureship at Tulane and suggested this to George Burch who responded positively. But even this pleasant thought must be put aside for a while.

Please thank your Search Committee for its attention and give my regards to Dean Goldsmith.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director
and Professor of Medicine

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