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August 8, 1973

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Robert T. Smith  
Minneapolis Star-Tribune  
425 Portland Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Robert T.:

OK.

I hope you have taken the delay in my reporting back to you as casually as we have ~~in~~ preparing the report. I'm not sure that I chose the best way to proceed in this matter of your interest. At any rate, I wanted you to get the flavor of first and second stage screening of factors related to coronary risk, in one of the three major community projects in which we are involved, the Lipid Research Project.

I enclose the results in a form suitable for transfer to your own medical consultant. Please give me a buzz about that choice. As I mentioned, I sort of lean toward the St. Louis Park Clinic for the thinking man, because they are sound and it's all there under one roof. If downtown is more to your liking, Ray Scallen is a fine guy who would know how to counsel you in these matters and there are a half-dozen other names I might propose if you wish a wider choice. If you want the highest level of particular expertise and research interest in this question I'm sure that Dr. Hunninghake could find a place for you in one of his experimental treatment programs. We would also be happy to have you participate in our multiple risk factor prevention program starting in January, as subject, or observer.

The elevated cholesterol you knew about was confirmed in detail. I suspect that it is of a type which will respond adequately to management. It is, as you know, just a finding, like character, among many which are crudely predictive but it is not an official sentence. The exercise electrocardiogram was a normal response, despite some apparent stress at the procedure; the work capacity would hardly qualify you for the Olympics, but then.

Please keep in touch. It was good to see you.

bcc:

HLT  
C. FURBERG  
D. HUNNINGHAKE  
I. FRANTZ

Regards,

Henry Blackburn  
Professor and Director

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