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Dr. Claude Lenfant  
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Dear Dr. Lenfant:

The attached is self-explanatory. I would greatly appreciate your careful attention to it, since I deem the matter raised to be of great importance, short-term and long-term.

Let me take the opportunity to acknowledge with much thanks your letter of a few weeks ago, which reached here just recently. My hearty congratulations on your appointment as NHLBI Director. Best wishes for a long, fruitful, and enjoyable tenure in that most important post (a tough job indeed nowadays). I look forward to our working together on many fronts -- during my short remaining period as a member of the Council, on the national cooperative trials (MRFIT, HDFP, CDP, et al.), on the work begun with Sue Hurd for the Lung Division, on the joint U.S. - P.R.C. research effort, etc. Please feel free to call upon me as you deem appropriate (as your predecessors have done).

Let me also take the opportunity to say that I was pleased to see word here recently that you have instituted a review of the Stanford 5-community project and its funding. In accordance with the recommendation of the NHLBI Working Group on Arteriosclerosis, I deem that project -- and the all-too-few others like it in the country -- as most important. We need in these difficult times to struggle to maintain balance across the continuum of NHLBI activities, from basic research to trials to demonstration - education projects to general application, in accordance with NHLBI's public charge.

Looking forward to seeing you in September. We come to the MRFIT events on the 15th and 16th directly from here. All the best.

Cordially,

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Dictated by Dr. Stamler and signed in his absence.