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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dean Lee Stauffer
School of Public Health
1325 Mayo

Dear Dean Stauffer:

Developments in Washington in the field of major prevention trials in vascular diseases are moving very rapidly since the recommendations of the Task Force on Arteriosclerosis. The details must remain confidential until the end of this month. They will, however, surely involve this laboratory. They involve me very directly in that, again confidentially, NIH is applying considerable pressure to get me to accept the position of Chief of Therapeutic Evaluation at the National Heart and Lung Institute with overall responsibility for this area.

They seem willing to consider alternative arrangements if we decide here that my direction of the Lab of Physiological Hygiene is of foremost importance. The alternatives which I want to discuss with you are, I believe, quite attractive for the Lab and for the School of Public Health.

But their need for expediting these programs, as well as the professorship in community medicine offered to me by Northwestern University, provide a certain impetus for decisions to be made here.

Henry Taylor and I will visit you at 3:30 on Monday, November 1. We hope it will be possible then to arrive at the next appropriate level of assurances of the viability of the Laboratory, of the School's interest in its primary research function in preventive medicine and chronic disease epidemiology, and of your recommendations for its director.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn
Professor

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