

May 21, 1974

Dr. Donovan J. Thompson
Chairman, Search Committee
School of Public Health and Community Medicine
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Donovan:

I am, of course, pleased that my name would come up in the context of your remarkable institution.

You are right about my present commitment to Minnesota. I owe a period to this place, having just started a new program less than two years ago.

I would dearly like to come out and look over the situation. But I have the distinct feeling that I will not seek advancement in administrative duties for the future. It would be exciting to be involved one day with friends in Washington, but primarily at investigation rather than primarily in administration.

Unfortunately, I don't have any good leads to forward for now.

Many, many thanks.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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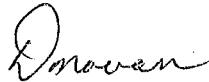
Dr. Henry Blackburn
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Your name has been suggested to us as a potential candidate for the Chairman of our Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health. (I am enclosing a descriptive brochure of the department and the position in case you may not have seen it.) I could have picked up the phone and inquired of your interest in being considered for this position, but I believe that a letter giving you a chance to reflect on your interest may be more fair.

I would appreciate a note containing your response to this query, and should it be positive, a current vitae would be most helpful to our committee's deliberations. We expect to make a recommendation to our Dean, Dr. Robert Day, within the next month.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan J. Thompson, Ph.D.
Chairman, Search Committee

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Enclosure

*Henry:
I know, of course,
the details of your commitment at
Minnesota, but on the off chance the
committee insisted that I inquire.
that I may not know everything the
committee insisted that I inquire.
Thanks
D.J.*