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Personal

Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you very much for your kindest letter to my home address and for sending me such a beautiful Alpine Calendar by airmail. My wife and I like it very much. Switzerland is really the world most beautiful country.

Dr. Stamler was rewarded Dr. Helen Taussig Award from the Baltimore Heart Association today. I met him last night and I was very much encouraged by him. He suggested me to consider "Work First". At any rate, I will make the final decision as soon as I hear the final answer from Japan. It largely depends on whether Japan will send another doctor to Baltimore even if I do not go home this Summer.

About 10 days ago, I wrote a personal letter to you, but I tore it up. I was complaining of a sort of 'letter censorship' by them and was enclosing a copy of my letter which was turned down because of my poor "English" in some paragraphs. Curt suggested me not to send that letter to you and I promised him not to do. That particular letter was actually a covering letter for the listings of the suggestions which you have made on the Natural History Study and publications. I <sup>may</sup> have already decided to go home if Curt had ignored the lists.

I would suggest you to propose to create the CDP Natural History Study Subcommittee. Of course, you or Dr. Stamler should be the chairman for that committee. The members of the Data and Safety Monitoring Committee are primarily statisticians and clinicians. They are not so much interested in the natural history of CHD as we are not so much interested in the treatment differences. If I write this kind of poor English, they would kindly correct it or teach me better English. I am pretending to be a little away from you so that they may feel ease or happy. I hope you would not misunderstand it.

Whatever it may happen, I will Walk Closer With Thee not to the cemetery but to the scientific goal of our common interest.

Very best regards,

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