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personal

Dear Dr. Blackburn:

As you may already heard from Curt, I have decided to go home this Summer. I feel very sorry(or I feel almost guilty) to have bothered you in many ways. Allow me.

I have very much appreciated your efforts and the warmest encouragements. I will never forget them. Thanks. Since I decided to go home, I have been desparately trying to finish the analyses of the ectopic beat special study and to get around with the clinical 'mish-mash' in the multivariate analysis. About 10 days ago I drafted a memo to you, Dr. Stamler, Dr. KenDerge and Curt concerning the grouping of the various factors and selecting the epidemiologically important factors in the Natural History Study of CHD. I am sorry that Paul is still holding the memo because he thought the memo was very important. They say I am aggressive but I hate to be a cup of tea.

As regrads the proportion of the acute phase Qualifying ECG, the table which you have requested and Curt called "silly table" was in Curt's hand one month ago.

Bill Krol told me the other day, that we had better release any results of the natural history study through a proper committee. I had the impression that he implied I should not send the ECG results directly to you, but I will ignore his remarks. I was glad you are still addressing some letters to me ignoring Curt's request. I do not understand why we can not communicate freely.

Another thing I am a bit worrying about is that my successor may not come to Baltimore even if I go home this Summer. Curt is reluctant to invite my successor and they are insisting my successor to stay for three years without taking the MPH course at the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Komachi has insisted on two years. The probability of my going home is now 1.00, but the probability of my successor's coming to Baltimore is around 0.3 or less. In the event that Osaka will not send my successor to Baltimore, the Coordinating Center may have some difficulty in the ECG data analyses.

As you may have heard from Curt, I may or might come back to the States in the future, but whether I may come back or not partly depends on how they will treat me till I go home this time.

I will try to finish the ectopic beat study analyses and to polish the ECG prognosis study by June. I will look at several endpoints other than death from all causes and I will compute two year rates instead of percent deaths. The only reason I have not yet generated these tables is that all of the patients have not yet completed the two year F.V. and there will be several months delay before the vital status becomes available for the analyses on the analysis tapes. When you say 'two year rates' do you mean % deaths with the average of two year follow up period? I felt Dr. Stamler understood in this way. But my understanding is the two year rate in the Framingham Study sense.

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TO: Dr. Blackburn

FROM: Tomi

Before generating the two year rate tables, I may generate the one year rate tables. I think I had better discuss these with you before I actually run the programs.

I may or may not be able to meet you in San Diego, but I can visit you in Minneapolis if you think it necessary and if they allow me to visit you in Minneapolis during the second week of March. I wish I can meet you in San Diego.

Warmest regards.

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P.S. De De & Billie Pierce, Jim Robinson, Willie Humphrey, Cie Frazier and Allan Jaffe are coming to Baltimore on ~~XXXXX~~ February 21. I am looking forward to meeting them again and listening to New Orleans Jazz.