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Dear Friend:

Many thanks for your excellent article for the farmers. No apologies are necessary for your full face photograph which lends "du poids" to the report. I took the liberty of sending your 15 references plus the McGovern Committee recommendation which I forwarded you recently, to Ernie Synder and have the enclosed invitation. Before too long, I will compose a brief editorial, along with your list with joint authorship if you agree, and send it to you for your criticism and decision whether it should be published in Preventive Medicine.

I would be interested to know why Scottish meat was twice as likely to be classified as high fat. Do you have feedlot practices such as we do?

You are very courageous indeed to "go public" in the Farmer's Weekly. My joint seminar with the Agricultural Institute at this University last year was so traumatic that I shall certainly not renew it.

We have another serious implication in this country in that the current Heart Association leadership are sitting down with the National Egg Advisory Board and have agreed to review applications to the Egg Council for research sponsored by the "check-off" of a certain number of cents per case of eggs sold by each farmer. This is fully equivalent to the Heart Association agreeing to review research projects by the Tobacco Institute, and so forth. Jerry Stamler and I are very upset by the naivete on the part of our Heart Association colleagues and they in turn accuse us of having our heads stuck in the sand and ignoring the real world.

So life goes on. Thanks for keeping in touch.

Cordially,

Henry B

*copy of E. Wyder  
Feb 4 letter*